



Queensland Government

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) advice for liquor and gaming licensees

Business closures

From 12pm, Monday 23 March 2020, the following types of businesses will be closed for normal operations **unless they are permitted to provide a takeaway or delivery service**: all liquor licensees including clubs, hotels and bars (excluding bottle shops attached to these venues), function, venues and hotels (excluding accommodation), cinemas, gambling venues (including casinos and TABs within licensed premises), nightclubs, theatres, golf and **bowls clubs (except for sporting activities and to offer takeaway alcohol and food sales** for home consumption), and restaurants, cafes, fast-food outlets and food courts (though takeaways, home deliveries or room service may still be offered). Members, guests and reciprocal members may purchase alcohol for home consumption where the venue is operating a takeaway service.

Continued operation of sporting clubs

While sporting clubs that hold liquor licensees can no longer serve alcohol for onsite consumption, **the club's sporting activities are still permitted**, provided social distancing requirements are met.

Lawn Bowls Clubs

The Chief Health Officer (CHO) **advises that people can play lawn bowls**, since it's considered physical exercise, but only: on their own, with a family group who live in the same house, with no more than 1 other person who they don't ordinarily live with.

This also applies to other outdoor sporting-based activities.

While you are permitted to sell alcohol for home consumption, **it cannot be consumed on-premises**, including courses and greens **that form part of licensed premises**. The CHO recommendation remains that players over 60 should remain at home.

Social distancing If you want to continue to provide these services, you must ensure: social distancing, including keeping 1.5 metres between people.

Bar licensee takeaway sales

Licensees with Commercial other (bar) licences can now sell takeaway alcohol, including for delivery, **provided each transaction** complies with the following: The alcohol only consists of packaged beer (bottled or canned), wine, distilled spirits, cider and ready-to-drink beverages, such as premixed spirits. **(You cannot refill 'growlers' or 'squealers' (BYO containers) for patrons.)**

A maximum of 2.25 litres of liquor (total volume) is sold per transaction, including a 750ml limit on distilled spirits

within the total volume of any transaction.

Clubs and hotels takeaway food and alcohol sales

Community clubs and hotels can provide takeaway food and alcohol that **cannot** be consumed **inside** or adjacent to the venue **(i.e. within a food court, the dining area of a food outlet or outside dining areas attached to the venue).**

Get in-venue signage for restrictions on consuming food and drink (<https://www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/in-venuesignage-for-liquor-licensees/resource/b245a9a8-1ccf-4c6d-b384-bbff68f465d0>) at your premises.

PAYMENT by EFTPOS only – NO CASH on PREMISES

Cafés and restaurants takeaway alcohol sales

Licensed restaurants and cafes holding a current liquor licence that sells takeaway food can also supply takeaway alcohol or delivery, subject to the following conditions:

The takeaway alcohol can **only** be supplied in conjunction with a takeaway food order.

The takeaway alcohol can **only** consist of bottled or canned beer, wine, cider and ready-to-drink beverages, such as premixed spirits.

(You cannot refill growlers or squealers (BYO containers) for patrons.)

A maximum limit of 2.25 litres of alcohol applies and can only be sold together with a takeaway food order (i.e. up to 2.25 litres per food order).

Refilling growlers, squealers or other containers

You cannot refill a customer's growler or squealer (BYO containers) as takeaway alcohol, but you may sell your own growlers or squealers much the same as pre-packaged alcohol.