

Responsible Service of Alcohol Training

It is a requirement of the *Liquor Licensing Act 1990* that a person serving liquor on a licensed premises is to undertake a Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) course, approved by the Commissioner for Licensing, within three months of being employed. An applicant for a liquor permit or a permit holder must also successfully complete an approved course if directed to do so by the Commissioner.

46A. Licensee to ensure responsible service of liquor

- (1) A licensee must not allow a person to serve liquor on the licensed premises unless the person –
- (a) has successfully completed an approved course; or
 - (b) has been an employee of the licensee for, in aggregate, less than 3 months and is –
 - (i) undertaking an approved course; or
 - (ii) formally enrolled in an approved course that is scheduled to start within 3 months from the day on which the person is permitted to serve the liquor.

Liquor Licensing Act 1990

An “approved course” means a course of instruction or training in the service of liquor, approved by the Commissioner.

Seller and server of liquor

The Commissioner has determined that he will recognise courses from any Australian jurisdiction that deliver the national competency ‘SITHFAB002- Provide responsible service of alcohol’ or its earlier versions SITHFAB201 and SITHFAB009A, conducted by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Liquor licence holder and those applying to hold a liquor licence

To ensure that those who have effective control for the sale and service and consumption of liquor at a licensed premises understand the Tasmanian laws in relation to the *Liquor Licensing Act 1990* the Commissioner has determined that he will recognise courses that deliver the national competency ‘SITHFAB002- Provide responsible service of alcohol’ or its earlier versions SITHFAB201 and SITHFAB009A, conducted by an RTO approved by the Commissioner for Licensing to deliver courses in responsible service of alcohol with Tasmanian content.

A person applying to hold a liquor licence is required to undertake RSA training unless exempted by the Commissioner for Licensing. Exemptions may be granted for special liquor licence applicants in certain circumstances.

For further information contact the Liquor and Gaming Branch.

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Email: licensing@treasury.tas.gov.au **Web:** www.liquorlicensing.tas.gov.au

The Commissioner provides the Responsible Service of Alcohol workbook to be used by trainers to support the development and delivery of an approved course. This workbook can be accessed through the Liquor and Gaming website located at www.liquorlicensing.tas.gov.au > [Industry Training](#) > [Registered Training Organisations](#).

Once approved by the Commissioner, the RTO has permission to print the workbook for the purposes of delivering RSA in accordance with the national competency.

Gaining approval to deliver a Responsible Service of Alcohol course

The steps required to gain approval to deliver an RSA course to Tasmanian residents are as follows:

1. Use the RSA workbook to ensure that there is sufficient and accurate Tasmanian content included in your RSA course. Complete the self-assessment checklist for RSA online (where the course is delivered online). The self-assessment checklist should be completed in conjunction with the Commissioner for Licensing's *Guidelines for RSA Online* – both documents are available from the website above.
2. For your application to be assessed, email the Liquor and Gaming Branch with the following information to licensing@treasury.tas.gov.au:
 - a) the course content and assessment details. If the course is provided online then you will also need to provide the completed self-assessment checklist for RSA online, as well as logon details to enable a staff member to test the online course content and assessment; and
 - b) RTO name, RTO number, contact telephone number, website address (for advertising your course on our website once approval is granted) and the best contact email for staff to contact the RTO on.

You can call the Branch on (03) 6166 4040 if you require any further information.