

FACT SHEET FOR LICENSEES
CHANGES TO THE LIQUOR LICENSING ACT 1990
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The *Liquor Licensing Act 1990* was recently amended to strengthen the regulation of the sale and supply of liquor in Tasmania. The Act has been changed to further support the responsible service of liquor and reduce harm associated with the sale of liquor.

As a licensee, a number of the amendments to the Act are relevant to you. The most important of these are listed on this fact sheet. To find out more, go to the Department's website: www.treasury.tas.gov.au and follow the link to the Liquor and Gaming page.

Display of Signage

You **must** have your liquor licence on display in an obvious position on your premises.

You **no longer** need to display:

- your name near the entry to your premises;
- the usual trading hours of your premises;
- the availability of meals at your premises; or
- the availability of tourist accommodation at your premises.

Responsible Service of Alcohol Register

As a licensee, you **must not** allow anyone to serve liquor on your premises unless they have:

- completed a Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) course; or
- been an employee for less than three months and are enrolled in a RSA course.

In order to show that all people serving liquor on your premises fall into one of these groups, you **must** keep a RSA Register. You can view a sample RSA Register on the Department's website: www.treasury.tas.gov.au and follow the link to the Liquor and Gaming page.

Seizure of Fake ID

If there is reason to suspect that identification is fake, you (or a police officer, crowd controller or person employed by you to sell liquor) can seize it. The fake identification **must** be handed to a police officer within 72 hours after the time it was seized.

Penalties

A number of changes have been made to penalties under the Act. These changes are as follows:

If an applicant...	\$
Makes a false statement in an application – s69	6 000

If a young person...	\$
Enters a section of licensed premises designated as an area where a young person may not enter or remain – s72	2 400
Uses fake identification – s72A (<i>new penalty</i>)	1 200

If a person (patron)...	\$
Supplies liquor to a young person – s71	6 000
Sends a young person to obtain liquor – s74	6 000
Supplies liquor to a person appearing to be drunk – s79	6 000
Does not leave your premises/special permit premises when asked to – s80 and s80A	6 000
Re-enters your premises within 24 hours of leaving/being removed – s80 and s80A	6 000
Hinders an authorised officer – s82	12 000
Does not give their name, address and DOB to police if asked to do so – s83	6 000

If an employee...	\$
Sells liquor to a young person – s70(1)	6 000
Sells liquor to a young person (licensee fine) – s70(2)	12 000
Supplies liquor to a young person – s71	6 000
Gives a young person possession or charge of liquor on licensed premises – s75	6 000
Sells liquor to a person appearing to be drunk – s78	6 000
Sells liquor to a person appearing to be drunk (licensee fine) – s78 (<i>new penalty</i>)	12 000
Supplies liquor to a person appearing to be drunk – s79	6 000

If a licensee...	\$
Gives a young person possession or charge of liquor on licensed premises – s75	6 000
Does not take action to prevent an offence on their licensed premises – s79A	12 000
Does not display their special permit in an obvious position – s81	6 000

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