

# TASMANIAN LIQUOR AND GAMING NEWS

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## QUICK CLICKS:

To access the Liquor and Gaming Branch website: go to  
[www.treasury.tas.gov.au/liquor-and-gaming](http://www.treasury.tas.gov.au/liquor-and-gaming)

*Need a liquor permit for an event? Applications for all types of permits must be submitted at least seven days prior to commencement.*

- Permit *less* than four days - [Liquor and Gaming website > Online Application Forms > Apply for a Special Liquor Permit for less than 4 days](#)
- Permit *greater* than four days - [Liquor and Gaming website > I want to... > Apply for a permit to sell liquor at a temporary event](#)

*Stay up to date on gambling and liquor related legislation and industry data -*  
[Liquor and Gaming website > Legislation and Data](#)

## SEASONAL ALERTS

### Annual Liquor Licence Fees – a reminder

The annual liquor licence fee is to be paid by licensees by **31 March 2019**. If the annual fee is not paid by this date, an additional fee of 10 per cent of the amount payable will be incurred, with penalty notices to be issued in early April, requiring payment by no later than 30 April 2019.

Failure to make payment by 30 April 2019 may result in the suspension or cancellation of the liquor licence.

Fees and payment options can be found on the [Liquor and Gaming website > Liquor > Liquor Fees and Payment](#).

### Liquor and Gaming Branch Office Hours: Easter and ANZAC Day

The Liquor and Gaming Branch offices will be closed from **19 April 2019** to **23 April 2019** inclusive for the Easter break, as well as on **25 April 2019** in recognition of ANZAC Day. Trading for licensed premises over the Easter break is the same as for any other trading week.

### ANZAC Day Trading Hours for Gaming Licensees

On ANZAC Day, gaming must **not** be operated between the hours of 4:00 am and 12:30 pm. An operator can be fined up to \$1 630 for breaching this requirement.

## ANZAC Day Two Up

The game known as ANZAC Day Two Up can only be played on ANZAC Day, during the hours of 6:00 am to 6:00 pm and on permitted premises. No approval is required. Permitted premises are those permanently occupied by an organisation where the majority of members are former members of the defence forces. These premises are predominantly RSL clubs. At no other time can Two Up be played at these clubs or any other premises.

## REGULATORY NEWS

### CCTV Surveillance Standards

New CCTV surveillance standards now take effect for new Out of Hours Permits that are issued for more than seven days, where trading exceeds 2am on any day. Any existing permits issued that do not have the new conditions will be reissued on **1 July 2019** to take immediate effect. The new conditions are as follows:

- CCTV recorded surveillance that meets the Commissioner for Licensing Technical Standards for Recorded CCTV Surveillance is to be in operation at all times that the premises is trading under the authority of the permit;
- All CCTV recorded surveillance must be retained for a minimum of 14 days; and
- Access to and/or a copy of recorded surveillance data is to be provided upon request to a Police Officer or an Authorized Officer of the *Liquor Licensing Act 1990*, within seven days of the request.

The new surveillance standards and general guidance on digital surveillance equipment is available on the [Liquor and Gaming website > Liquor > Resources for Licence Holders > Surveillance](#).

### Introduction of Keypass in Digital iD™: Evidence of Age fact sheet updated

Following the Commissioner for Licensing's approval of Keypass in Digital iD™ as an acceptable form of identification, the *Evidence of Age Documents* fact sheet produced by the Branch has been updated and can be found on the [Liquor and Gaming website > Liquor > Liquor Guides and Fact Sheets](#). The fact sheet includes information on how to deal with the presentation of a false digital iD. In addition, the training workbooks for the Responsible Service of Alcohol and Responsible Conduct of Gambling courses have been updated to reflect this new form of acceptable identification. All relevant Registered Training Organisations have been provided with the updated workbooks.

### Compliance of Coin Change Machines update

As a part of the changes made to the *Responsible Gambling Mandatory Code of Practice for Tasmania*, requirements were implemented in relation to where coin change machines can be located in a gaming machine venue. This process required venue operators to make a submission to the Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission that met the requirements of the Licensed Premises Gaming Licence Rules:

- Coin change machines must be located in the line of sight of the venue's main staffed areas (staff regularly allocated to these areas), be directly supervised by staff, and be in the position approved by the Commission.

The approval process for the location of existing coin change machines has now been completed.

As Liquor and Gaming Compliance Inspectors attend a gaming machine premises as part of their normal inspection program, they will confirm whether the location of the coin change machine(s) in the venue agrees with the location approved by the Commission, and meets the requirements of the Rules. So far, the majority of premises inspected are compliant with their approved coin change machines locations. A small number have required remedial action to ensure compliance with the Rules. In those instances, Inspectors have provided on-site advice to venue staff and then required the provision of a new submission from the venue operator for assessment and approval by the Commission. Please note that non-compliance with the requirements may result in the Commission taking disciplinary action against the venue operator.

Should a venue operator wish to install a new coin change machine, or change the location of an existing coin change machine, they will be required to make a submission to the Commission using the *Approval of Coin Change Machine Location Form* available on the [Liquor and Gaming website > Gambling > Resources for Licence Holders > Coin Change Machine Location](#).

## **New Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission member**

The Branch is pleased to welcome Mr David Hudson as the newest Commission member who will commence from 1 May 2019. David is a former member of the Tasmanian Integrity Commission, the current Chair of the State Grants Commission and has previously worked at a senior level in State Government. David will replace Mr Stuart Barry following the expiration of Stuart's term as a member of the Commission. We recognise and thank Stuart for his commitment and contribution to the Commission's work in regulating Tasmania's gaming and liquor environment; which notably (though not limited to) included the introduction of the Mandatory Code of Practice in 2012 and its first review in 2017.

## **FAQs**

### **Can mobile vans sell and serve liquor to customers?**

A mobile van operator considering selling liquor to customers on an occasional basis would need to apply for a Special Permit for each event that they intend to be operating. The exception would be when operating as part of a larger event where the event organiser has a liquor permit covering the entire event. It is important to check with the event organiser first and obtain a copy of the permit to understand what conditions apply. Where an event is not covered by a single liquor permit, each individual who wishes to sell alcohol would need to apply for their own permit. The decision to grant this permit would be dependent on the circumstances in which the liquor is to be sold (ie festival/special event), and the capacity of the applicant to demonstrate that they are able to maintain control over the consumption of liquor.

### **Can wine tastings be conducted at a premises with an off licence?**

The holder of an off licence is authorised to sell liquor for consumption off the premises only. Tastings may be conducted on the premises without the need for an additional permit *providing* that the tasting is free of charge. If there is a cost associated with the tasting then the premises will need to obtain an on permit. On permit applications must be submitted to the Commissioner for Licensing at least seven days prior to the event and can be submitted using the *Application for an On Permit* form located on the [Liquor and Gaming website > Liquor > Applying to Sell Liquor > Out-of-Hours, On or Off Permits](#).

## STAFFING NEWS

### New Manager Licensing Operations

In January 2019, we welcomed Sharon Rooney as the new Manager Licensing Operations, replacing Jane Scott, who, after a long and transformative contribution, has transferred to another role within Treasury. Sharon has a background in operational management roles, having worked with the Hobart City Council, the Department of Immigration and Victoria Police. The Branch is very pleased to welcome Sharon to the role.

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