

# Liquor communications - December 2023

*Liquor and Gaming Branch*

## Effective control and disorderly conduct

The Commissioner for Licensing has recently taken disciplinary action in several matters where there has been a failure to ensure effective control over the sale and consumption of liquor or where disorderly conduct has occurred.

Of particular concern to the Commissioner was the behaviour of patrons arising from the consumption of liquor.

Licensees are reminded of their obligation to exercise effective control over the sale and consumption of liquor.

Liquor and Gaming inspectors will be undertaking both announced and unannounced checks of licensed premises throughout December and January to ensure compliance with legislative requirements.

## Transfer of liquor licence

A liquor licence cannot be transferred to another person without the approval of the Commissioner for Licensing. The current holder of a licence is responsible for ensuring this occurs.

A complete transfer application must be submitted at least 28 days before the intended transfer date.

Until the transfer application has been approved, you remain responsible for the sale and consumption of liquor at the licensed premises.

If you are unable to meet these obligations during the period the application is being considered, please contact the Liquor and Gaming Branch on 6166 4040.

## Licence conditions - restrictions of the type of liquor authorised to sell

Some licences are issued subject to conditions that restrict the type of liquor you are authorised to sell, particularly where liquor may be sold for consumption off the licensed premises. For example, sale may be restricted to Tasmanian wine, Tasmanian made ciders, and/or Tasmanian made and brewed beer, produced from Tasmanian owned breweries or cideries.

Tasmanian wine is defined as wine produced in Tasmania from fruit of which at least 85% is grown in the State. Not all beer and cider brewed in Tasmania will also be produced by Tasmanian owned breweries or cideries. Generally only boutique or craft products will meet this condition.

It is important that you read and understand all the conditions of your licence, including which products you are authorised to sell.

If your current licence conditions don't meet your business needs, please contact the Liquor and Gaming Branch on 6166 4040 to discuss your options.