

What the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act means for clubs

The law is changing. The Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is replacing the Sale of Liquor Act 1989.

Some changes that affect clubs:

Trading hours

- You will only be allowed to sell or supply alcohol between the hours of 8am (or later) and 4am the next day.
- Your licence may have more restrictive hours than this.
- If your local council adopts a local alcohol policy (there will be public consultation about this so you will know about it beforehand):
 - maximum hours may change
 - you may also be required to operate a one-way door restriction where patrons can leave but not enter licensed premises after a certain time.
- You can apply for a special licence for longer hours for a special event.
- When you renew your licence you will be required to provide free drinking water at all times.

Manager

- You must appoint a manager.
- You do not have to have a manager on duty at all times (unless required to do so by a local alcohol policy).
- The manager's full name (ie, first name and surname) must be prominently displayed inside the premises.
- Managers must be at least 20 years old and have a manager's certificate.
- The manager's certificate is issued or renewed by the District Licensing Committee (DLC) of your local city or district council. Existing club manager's certificates continue until they expire. Then a manager's certificate must be applied for.
- Club managers must now obtain a qualification like all other managers before applying to renew their manager's certificate. The licence controller qualification is administered by training provider Service IQ
<http://www.hsi.co.nz/lcq>.

Host responsibility

- Clubs will still be required to provide:
 - non-alcoholic drinks
 - low alcohol drinks
 - food
 - information about transport.
- When your club licence is renewed you will also be required to provide free drinking water.
- BYO alcohol is not allowed at clubs when the club is open for the sale and supply of alcohol.
- There will be an application fee to renew or vary your licence. In most cases, the renewal of your licence will be every three years.
- An annual fee is also being introduced. This will be due each year on the anniversary of the date of your last licence application.
- Local councils will be able to make their own bylaws to set some fees at a different level.

Members and Guests

- Clubs must only sell alcohol to a member of the club, or a guest or authorised visitor to the club.

Displaying licence

- A copy of the club licence, and any licence conditions must be displayed at all times.

Fees

- Your licence fee is likely to increase.
- Fees will vary depending on the risk profile of the premises. The Government will set the rules for how premises are to be assessed in terms of their risk profile.

To find out more about the changes to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act go to:

- Justice.govt.nz/policy/sale-and-supply-of-alcohol
- Alcohol.org.nz/legislation-policy/sale-and-supply-alcohol-act-2012

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