

# COVID-19 UPDATE



OFFICE OF  
**Liquor and Gaming**  
REGULATION

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Dear licensees

The Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR) continues to receive questions from licensees in relation to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. I can assure you we're working around the clock to answer these and find solutions where we can.

We ask that you also continue to monitor the OLGR Facebook page and website for the latest information.

## **Q: Can bar licensees sell takeaway alcohol?**

A: Yes, in these extreme circumstances licensees holding a Commercial Other- Bar licence can now sell take away alcohol, including for delivery, provided each transaction complies with the following conditions:

- The alcohol **only** consists of packaged liquor being bottled or canned beer, wine, distilled spirits, cider and ready to drink beverages, such as premixed spirits; and
- A maximum of 2.25 litres of liquor (total volume) is sold per transaction, including a limit on distilled spirits of 750ml within the total volume of any transaction.

It is expected that bar licensees continue to adhere to their obligations under the Liquor Act 1992, which includes not supplying alcohol to minors or unduly intoxicated or disorderly patrons.

OLGR compliance officers will be on the frontline, ensuring venues comply with the above requirements.

## **Q: Are bowls clubs allowed to continue to operate?**

A: No. The direction from the Chief Health Officer on non-essential business closures lists registered and licensed clubs as an entertainment venue. The only exception to this is takeaway liquor and food sales for home consumption.

## **Q: What are the options for venues who currently hold a restricted liquor permit?**

A: Holders of a restricted liquor permit are no longer able to operate and are not authorised to sell takeaway alcohol.

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**Q: Can people bring in their 'growlers' and 'squealers' for us to refill from our taps?**

A: No. 'Growlers' or 'squealers' provided by a patron are unable to be refilled. Authorised licensees are permitted to only sell pre-packaged liquor.

**Q: Will I be issued a pro-rata refund on my 2019 – 20 liquor licence fees if I was required to stop trade?**

A: Queensland licensees are **not** eligible for a pro-rata refund on liquor licence fees paid for 2019 – 20 but liquor licence fees for 2020 – 21 will be waived under the Queensland Government's economic relief package. Further information is available [here](#).

Regards,

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