

OFFICE OF Liquor and Gaming REGULATION



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Direction from the Chief Health Officer on non-essential business and how this applies to licensed venues and further advice on takeaway liquor sales

On 23 March 2020 the Chief Health Officer issued a direction around the closure of non-essential businesses in Queensland.

The full direction can be viewed [here](#).

Non-essential businesses or undertaking

A non-essential business or undertaking includes:

- All liquor licensees including clubs, hotels and bars (excluding bottle shops attached to these venues)
- Cinemas, gambling venues including casinos, nightclubs, theatres and entertainment venues of any kind
- Restaurants, cafes, fast-food outlets, food courts, except to provide food or drink by takeaway or hotel room service.

Sale of takeaway food and alcohol by clubs and hotels

- Community clubs and hotels can provide take away food and alcohol that **cannot** be consumed inside or adjacent to the venue (i.e. within a food court, the dining area of a food outlet or outside dining areas attached to the venue).
- They can also operate takeaway liquor sale areas that are detached from the licensed venue, or within or attached to the licensed venue (i.e. detached and attached bottle shops and takeaway sales from the bar area).

Sale of takeaway alcohol by cafés and restaurants

Licensed restaurants and cafes holding a current liquor licence that will supply takeaway food, can supply takeaway alcohol or delivery, subject to the following conditions:

- The takeaway alcohol can **only** be supplied in conjunction with a take away food order
- The takeaway alcohol can **only** consist of bottled or canned beer, wine, cider and ready to drink beverages, such as premixed spirits
- A maximum limit of 2.25 litres of alcohol applies and can only be sold in conjunction with a takeaway food order (that is up to 2.25 litres per food order).

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Isolated remote community hubs, licensed bowls clubs and golf courses

The Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation are still working to clarify the following items raised by the Prime Minister last night:

1. Reference to the exemption of isolated remote community hubs and what this term applies to.
2. The application of restrictions to outdoor spaces associated with the above venues, and if the intention was to capture outdoor spaces such beer gardens, rather than bowls clubs and golf courses.

We understand these questions are important to you and we will update you as soon as we can.

Regards,

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Commissioner

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