



Alcohol at events

In most cases, you must have a liquor licence or permit to sell or supply liquor (alcohol) in Queensland.

Wet Areas

'Wet areas' are designated by Council to allow the consumption of alcohol in a public place, normally for occasions such as a wedding in a park.

If your event is held in a public place, you will need to apply for wet area approval if people intend to drink.

It is important to note that having an area declared 'wet' does not rule out the need for a liquor licence.

If you intend to sell or supply liquor to others, such as at a festival or fete, you will **also** need to apply for a liquor licence or permit.

What is a liquor licence?

A liquor licence states where and when you are allowed to serve alcohol.

Different licence types are available to suit different businesses or community organisations.

Fees and legal obligations for liquor licences vary, depending on the type of business and licence.

New liquor licences may take three (3) months to be approved.

Liquor licences are **not** issued by Council, they need to be applied for separately to a 'wet area permit' from [QLD government – Business - Liquor and gaming](#).

Liquor Permits

Permits are also available for non-proprietary organisations wishing to serve alcohol temporarily or at a one-off event.

Conditions may also be placed on the licence or permit around noise restrictions, signage, security and lighting.

Permit applications must be lodged 21 days in advance of the event.

In addition to the required permits, other points to consider include:

- displaying signage on responsible service of alcohol.
- displaying signage indicating licensed areas.
- providing access to free drinking water.
- ensuring food is available.
- enabling the safety and security of participants, and local residents.
- the legal requirements for trained staff to serve alcohol.
- the sale of full-strength alcohol may attract additional needs for security personnel.

Liquor licencing and permit information

To research the type of permit or licence you may need or to apply, visit <http://www.business.qld.gov.au/liquor-gaming> or telephone 13 74 68.

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