

Christchurch Tri-Agency Newsletter

Easter edition - March 2019



Trading hours over Easter and on ANZAC Day

Anzac Day morning, Good Friday and Easter Sunday form part of the three and a half sacrosanct days where alcohol sales are prohibited or restricted.

ALL premises holding an on-licence can only sell alcohol to persons present on the premises to dine.

All off-licensed premises are prohibited from selling alcohol. No exceptions.

Parliaments view was that it would be reasonable to allow a person to enjoy a beer or a wine with their meal on these days, hence the dining provision. If you are functioning as a restaurant (providing meals) you may sell alcohol to a person as an accompaniment to that meal. Casual drinking is not permitted, this includes restaurants.

What is dining? Every year we have debates over what constitutes dining. In our view the matter is quite simple: Your customer is present for no other purpose than to consume a meal. Not to play the pokies, have a game of pool, or watch sport on TV.

A meal in our opinion is a sit down meal with a knife and fork. It's not a bowl of fries, a free selection of finger food, or order a pizza with your beer.

Again we will be out and about ensuring the requirements of the Act are met, so if you have any queries as to whether you should or can remain open, call the Alcohol Licensing Team, we are always happy to explain things.

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No exceptions.**

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Dates for Easter and ANZAC Day special licence applications

This year these days fall on:

- Good Friday – 19 April 2019
- Easter Sunday – 21 April 2019
- ANZAC Day – Thursday 25 April 2019

Remember to have your special licence applications for your Easter or ANZAC Day events lodged with us as soon as possible. Special licence applications will not be accepted for continuation of normal trading.

All applications must be made at least 20 working days before the event is held, otherwise they may not be accepted by the District Licensing Committee for consideration.

Deadlines this year are:

- Easter 2019 - applications must be received by Thursday 21 March 2019
- ANZAC Day 2019 - applications must be received by Monday 25 March 2019

Short notice applications (made less than 20 working days before the event date) must be accompanied by a letter explaining the reason for lateness for DLC consideration. You will need to have a good reason as the Act refers to the reason for lateness as “could not reasonably have been foreseen”.



Planning an event serving alcohol this Easter and ANZAC day?
Apply for your special licence

Easter trading hours compliance



Police will be actively monitoring licensed premises over Easter.

This year licensees can expect to see Police checking compliance over Easter with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 as it relates to alcohol sales.

The law is quite clear that casual drinking is not permitted under any circumstances however sales of alcohol can legitimately be made to people on the premises who are there to eat a meal and in some other limited circumstances. (Section 47 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 refers.)

Police are aware that in recent years there has been considerable pressure applied by a few casual drinkers to be served and Police expect licensees will have good systems in place to prevent this.

Tavern promotions and advertising alcohol

Recently we've noticed a number of promotions being advertised that push the boundaries of what is acceptable under the Act. If you hold promotions that do not comply you could be prosecuted. Also a conviction for an offence of this type also attracts an enforcement "holding" on your licence.

So it's important that when you advertise you're aware of what you can and can't do.

Section 237 of the Act states the following can't be done:

Advertise other than on your premises (this also includes on your Facebook page)

- Anything that encourages people to consume alcohol to an excessive extent
- Offers a discount that leads people to think the price is 25% or lower than normal
- Advertises free alcohol
- Offering a prize, goods or reward on the condition alcohol is purchased
- Has a special appeal to minors

If you're unsure the promotion you're planning or are holding is acceptable, or not, give the Alcohol Licensing Team or Police Licensing a phone call and we will happily offer advice. You can also check out the guidance on our [website](#) and the link to the [Health Promotion Agency](#) information resources about advertising and promotions.

Sports Club end of season prize givings – reminders about applying for a Special Licence.

Plan ahead for your end of season sports seasons. For clubs that don't hold Club Licences you'll probably need to apply for a Special Licence for any end of season prize giving.

For licensed clubs prize giving events often include the general public so a Special Licence is required if you wish to sell them alcohol. Unsure? Give the Alcohol Licensing Team a phone call to double check.

Kiwi Access Card (Hospitality New Zealand)

The all new Kiwi Access Card was launched nationwide on 14 January, and now replaces the current 18+ Card. Launched by Hospitality New Zealand, the new Kiwi Access Card has been created to better facilitate access to goods and services for everyone, across all sections of society in New Zealand. It can be used as a proof of age and identity throughout New Zealand, and is available to both nationals and foreign visitors.

New security features include micro text, braille, guilloche, UV ink, embossing, selected points of transparency and holographic overlay.

A fresh Hospitality New Zealand logo rounds out the slick graphics and elemental design.

Click here for further details: <https://kiwiaccess.co.nz/>

These cards are ALL accepted - check card for expiry date!



kiwiaccess.co.nz - info@kiwiaccess.co.nz - 04 381 9937

The Kiwi Access Card is the new 18+ Card.



www.kiwiaccess.co.nz

Current and previous versions of the 18+ Card will continue to be accepted for 10 years from the date of issue.

Club staff responsibility reminders about sale of alcohol

We have developed a licensed club staff training reminder tool for all staff that are involved in the sale of alcohol. This includes who a licensed club can sell alcohol to, the assessment of intoxication and evidence of age documents.

It's hoped that all staff will complete the refresher with their bar manager at the beginning of their sports season. It will also be useful for new staff before they sell any alcohol.

This training tool is now available on our [website](#).

DM appointment reminder

Are all your Duty Managers correctly appointed? If not your alcohol sales could be unauthorised and you are liable for an infringement fine. A Notice of Duty Manager Appointment or Change form should be used whenever a Duty Manager finishes or a new Duty Manager starts working at any licensed premises.

The licensee is responsible for formerly appointing all their Duty Managers, not the staff member who is being appointed. The completed form should be sent to both the Council Alcohol Licensing Team and also the Police.

We're here to help

We want you to get Duty Manager Appointments right first time. If you send through an incomplete or incorrectly filled out form, or only send it to one agency and not the other, you risk the appointment not being registered, and the form being returned to you for correcting.

Not sure if your records are up to date? Double check your own premises records which you should be maintaining, check out the guidance on our [website](#) or give the Alcohol Licensing Team a phone call on 941 8999.

Our September and February 2018 [newsletters](#) also have some tips about Duty Manager Appointments.



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Hospitality

Health Promotion

No ID no service

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Free water

Availability of free water is one of the best ways to prevent intoxication.

With warmer weather comes the risk of rapid dehydration so now is a great time to assess the provision of water in your premises.

There are many different ways to safely provide water as well as checking that the location isn't obstructed during busy times.

Remind your staff to keep providing water to anyone consuming alcohol and if you do have a water station, that it is refreshed regularly and ensure there are plenty of clean drinking glasses.





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