

Local Alcohol Policy

Introduction

One of the main aims of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is to give communities more control over the sale and supply of alcohol in their area.

One of the mechanisms to achieve this is through a Local Alcohol Policy to control the sale and consumption of alcohol within the district.

A Local Alcohol Policy can only deal with matters relating to licensing; through a Local Alcohol Policy, communities are able to set the direction on some or all of the following matters:

- the location of licensed premises near certain types of facilities, such as in specific neighbourhoods or near schools or churches
- the density of licensed premises by specifying whether further licences or types of licences should be issued for premises in the district or in a particular area
- “one-way door” conditions for licensed premises that would allow patrons to leave premises but not enter or re-enter after a certain time
- discretionary conditions in a licence
- restrictions or extensions to the maximum trading hours set in the new Act which are: 8am - 4am for on-licences (such as pubs and restaurants) and 7am - 11pm for off-licences (such as bottle stores and supermarkets).

In addition, a Local Alcohol Policy may apply differently to different kinds of licensed premises.

To ensure the policy reflects the alcohol-related harm in the community, the draft policy has been developed in conjunction with:

- Police
- Licensing Inspectors
- Medical Officer of Health
- Local ward committees
- Hanmer Springs Community Board

Policy Statement (Objectives)

This policy is intended to:

- Promote fairness, consistency and transparency
- Give applicants for liquor licences and the community some certainty with respect to how the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is administered within the Hurunui District

Scope of Policy

A LAP for the Hurunui District is likely to affect:

- Residents and visitors to the Hurunui District
- Local interest groups
- Licensees and managers of licensed premises
- Hurunui District Licensing Committee
- Enforcement agencies; Police, Canterbury District Health Board’s Medical Officer of Health and liquor licensing officers, and Liquor Licensing Inspectors of the Hurunui District Licensing Committee.

Hours of Operation

There is a general policy in respect of maximum trading hours for licensed premises throughout the Hurunui District. The following maximum trading hours will apply to the respective licence types although individual licences may be issued with less trading hours.

	Licence types	Opening at	Closing at
On licences	Tavern, restaurant and hotel style on-licences	8.00am	2.00am next day
Off licences	Off licences (all types):	7.00am	10.00pm
Club licences	Club licences	8.00am	10.00pm Sunday to Friday 12.00 midnight Sat
Special licences	All special licences	-	No later than 2.00am with the exception of significant international events being televised outside licensing hours. No such licence will be granted should the effect be to provide for continuous licensing trading beyond 2.00am

Discretionary Conditions

The Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 enables District Licensing Committees to apply discretionary conditions on licences issued. The following discretionary conditions provide a uniform application of specific licensing issues throughout the Hurunui District.

Designations	The designation of licensed areas of premises is to be relative to their nature and use. The following areas are to be designated as:	
	Supervised areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Off-licence areas of hotels, taverns and stand-alone bottle stores Public bars and places of entertainment
Outside Licensed areas	There is a general policy in respect of the maximum trading hours for outdoor licensed areas at licensed premises throughout the Hurunui District. The maximum trading hours are 12 mid-night for outdoor licensed areas	
Special licences	Special Licences can cover any event or series of related events (up	

to 15 per year) and can be issued up to one year ahead.

Minibars

Hotels that have serviced accommodation be permitted the use of minibars in hotel rooms at all times

Policy Review

The Hurunui District Local Alcohol Policy is to be reviewed every six years or sooner on request of Council