



3am lockout

A 3am lockout applies to all late-trading licensed premises across Queensland. The lockout came into effect from midnight on Saturday, 1 July 2006.

The lockout implements the first stage of the State wide Safety Action Plan and aims to safeguard patrons, the community and hospitality workers from liquor-related harm in and around licensed venues.

The lockout allows licensees with extended hours permits to continue trading until 5am, but will not allow the entry or re-entry of patrons after 3am. For example, if patrons go outside to smoke, move their car, or meet up with friends, they cannot be allowed back inside the venue.

Only employees of licensed premises, Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR) investigators, police and emergency personnel who are performing their official duties can enter or re-enter licensed premises after 3am.

The lockout was set at 3am as the 3am to 5am trading is considered a high-risk period.

Bring your own (BYO) restaurants, casinos, airport terminals and residential accommodation are exempt from the 3am lockout.

Does the State-wide 3am lockout affect existing lockout restrictions?

The chief executive of OLGR can impose earlier lockouts through licence conditions, particularly for premises that do not trade past 3am. However, all existing lockout arrangements prior to 3am will continue as they currently stand.

For example, the existing 1.30am lockouts on the Sunshine Coast will still apply.

Penalties

Failure to comply with the State-wide 3am lockout could result in penalties of up to \$10 000 for licensees or permittees.

Further reforms under the State-wide Safety Action Plan implemented strict licence conditions that require all licensees with permission to trade after 1am in the Brisbane City Council area to:

- comply with a prescribed minimum ratio of crowd controllers to patrons
- install, monitor and maintain closed circuit television cameras on all public entrances and exits
- ensure all their staff have completed responsible service of alcohol training.

Additional requirements relating to drink promotions apply to all licensees, regardless of trading hours, and include:

- limitations on the frequency and duration of happy hours
- prohibition of drinking competitions at licensed premises.

For further information, please contact the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation on 13 13 04 or visit www.olgr.qld.gov.au

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