



Penalties

Under the *Liquor Act 1992* there are various penalties for irresponsible service of alcohol. Some of these penalties are outlined below.

Area of concern	Infringement	Penalties
Minors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sell liquor to a minor • give liquor to a minor • allow liquor to be given to a minor • allow a minor to consume liquor. 	<p>Licensee, or approved manager—\$25 000 maximum fine for an individual, or an infringement notice of \$2500</p> <p>Bar attendant or individual—\$8000 maximum, or an infringement notice of \$1000</p>
Unduly intoxicated patrons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sell liquor to an intoxicated patron • give liquor to an intoxicated patron • allow liquor to be given to the patron • allow the patron to consume liquor. 	<p>Licensee or manager—\$50 000</p> <p>Bar attendant or individual—\$8000</p>
Irresponsible service of alcohol	Licensee engages in practices or promotions that encourage rapid or excessive consumption of liquor.	Licensee, approved manager—\$10 000
Irresponsible service practices	This is in regard to any irresponsible service of alcohol practices—a licensee and/or approved manager are liable to have disciplinary action commenced against them for irresponsible service practices as well as failing to comply with the <i>Liquor Act 1992</i> and <i>Liquor Regulation 2002</i> .	<p>Licensees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cancel the licence • suspend the licence for a period up to a maximum of 12 months • close the premises or part of the premises for a period • varying the licence by conditions or limiting the authority to trade • reduce the trading hours • disqualifying the licensee from holding the licence for a period up to a maximum of five years • requiring the licensee to pay the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation an amount of money not exceeding \$10 000 per ground • requiring the licensee to undertake the licensee’s course within a stated period • reprimanding the licensee. <p>Approved managers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • manager’s approval suspended or cancelled.
Safe environment	failure of licensee to provide and maintain a safe environment in and around the premises	maximum penalty \$10 000

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Identification checking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> failure to seize false identity documents failure to maintain confidentiality while checking identities 	<p>maximum penalty \$2500</p> <p>maximum penalty \$3500</p>
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> failure to comply with closed circuit television conditions licensee employs unlicensed crowd controllers 	<p>maximum penalty \$10 000</p> <p>maximum penalty \$10 000</p>
Trading hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> supply of liquor at a time which is outside trading hours of the licence allowing consumption of liquor on licensed premises at any time which is outside trading hours of the licence breach of lockout conditions 	<p>maximum penalty \$10 000</p> <p>maximum penalty \$10 000</p> <p>maximum penalty \$10 000</p>
Signage	failure to display appropriate signage	maximum penalty \$2500
Water	failure to provide water free or at a reasonable cost	maximum penalty of \$10 000 for individuals
Condition of licence	failure to comply with any condition on the licence	maximum penalty of \$4000 for individuals (if the premises is not in a restricted area)

Mandatory suspension of licence

If a licensee is convicted of two offences in relation to minors or intoxicated persons within a two year period the licence will be automatically suspended.

Impact on annual fees

A licensee's compliance history, including some infringement notices and some prosecutions will be considered in risk assessments for annual fees.

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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