This fact sheet provides information about purchasing and consuming liquor in Port Hedland & South Hedland, Western Australia.

Consuming liquor...

... on public roads and in private vehicles is an offence (except where a permit or licence applies). This includes drinking in a motor vehicle on any public road or street.

... in parks and other public places is an offence without the consent of the owner or controlling authority. This includes areas such as parks, reserves, beaches and so on.

Trading Hours
Takeaway liquor may only be sold at liquor stores, hotels, taverns and clubs (members only):

Monday to Saturday
12noon to 8pm

Sunday
Takeaway liquor cannot be purchased on a Sunday, Good Friday or Christmas Day.

ANZAC Day
12 noon to 8pm

Product Restrictions
Takeaway liquor may only be sold in the following quantities from liquor stores, hotels, taverns or clubs (members only):

(1) The sale of cask wine is prohibited.

(2) The sale of beer in glass bottles of 750 mls or more is prohibited.
(3) Takeaway liquor may only be sold or supplied knowingly by a licensee in the following quantities:

(a) low alcohol liquor where the liquor contains less than 3.6 per cent concentration of ethanol at 20 degrees Celsius in any quantity is unrestricted;

(b) where the liquor contains from 3.6 per cent to 7 per cent concentration of ethanol at 20 degrees Celsius a maximum cumulative quantity of 12 litres per customer per day, e.g. one carton of 30 cans at 375 mls each;

(c) where the liquor contains greater than 7 per cent but no more than 19.9 per cent concentration of ethanol at 20 degrees Celsius a maximum cumulative quantity of 2.25 litres per customer per day, e.g. three bottles of wine at 750 mls each;

(d) where the liquor contains greater than or equal to 20 per cent concentration of ethanol at 20 degrees Celsius, a maximum cumulative quantity of one litre per customer per day;

(e) in the case of fortified wine nothing below a $25 price point.

A person may purchase liquor in more than one category provided the limit for each category is not exceeded.

Exemptions

Exemption 1

The sale and supply of takeaway liquor is only permitted to a person who is present at the time of purchase on the licensed premises conducting the sale unless the person is:

(a) the liquor merchant;

(b) the station owner, pastoralist, person operating a remote work site or seafarers. The sale can be to an employee that places and/or collects the order on behalf of the business and only on the conditions that:
   (i) the person confirms that the liquor is to be consumed at a station, the pastoral property, remote work site or on a ship;
   (ii) the licensee maintains on the licensed premises a register of purchase which must be made for inspection at the request of an authorised officer; and
   (iii) the register contains the following information in relation to the person, name, address, address to which the liquor is being delivered/taken, description and quantity of liquor ordered.

(c) a person who has pre-ordered the liquor at least three days in advance of pick-up and delivery and only on the conditions that:
   (i) the person has personally completed and signed a bulk purchase order form; a bulk purchase order is any order above that allowed to be purchased under clause 3;
   (ii) the bulk purchase order form contains the following information in relation to bulk purchase, name of purchaser, address and phone number of purchaser, address to which the liquor is being delivered/taken, description and quantity of liquor ordered and the reason for the bulk purchase, purchaser’s signature; and
   (iii) the bulk purchase order form is retained by the licensee for six months and made available for inspection at the licensed premises at the request of an authorised officer within 48 hours and a copy is provided to the local police within 48 hours of receipt.

The sale of liquor under ‘Exemption 1’ is not subject to the quantity restriction set out above.

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Exemption 2

The quantity restrictions set out above do not apply to the sale and supply of takeaway liquor to a person whom the licensee reasonably believes to be a bona fide tourist. The licensee must record the following information where a sale is made under this exemption:

(a) the name of purchaser;
(b) the local address or residential address and phone number of the purchaser;
(c) the vehicle registration of the purchaser;
(d) the address/location at which the liquor is being taken to;
(e) the description and quantity of liquor ordered;
(f) the purchaser’s signature.

This information is to be provided to the local police within 24 hours and retained by the licensee for six months for inspection at request of an authorised officer.

Other Restrictions

The sale and supply of liquor for consumption on the premises is prohibited before 11 am except where it is sold ancillary to a meal or to a lodger.

Taxi and bus drivers cannot purchase packaged liquor on behalf of their passengers/customers.