



WAIRARAPA PROVISIONAL LOCAL ALCOHOL POLICY

Overview

General Framework

- 1.1 The Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (the Act) puts in place a system to manage the sale and supply of alcohol and achieve the objectives of the Act. The key principles which drive this system of management are:
 - (a) that the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol should be undertaken safely and responsibly; and
 - (b) Harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol should be minimised.
- 1.2 Harm is defined widely and includes crime, damage, death, disease, disorderly behaviour, illness or injury, and harm to individuals or the community, either directly or indirectly caused by excessive or inappropriate alcohol consumption.
- 1.3 The Act also sets out national rules for the sale and supply of alcohol which provide a baseline for the management of alcohol. Some of these rules are mandatory including national maximum trading hours, the drinking age, manager training and vetting, and actions to minimise the risk of alcohol related harm such as providing free drinking water, ensuring food and low or non-alcoholic beverages are available, and providing information about transport options.
- 1.4 In addition to the national rules framework, the Act allows territorial authorities to develop and adopt a local alcohol policy (LAP).
- 1.5 A LAP is a set of policies, made by the Council in consultation with its community, about the sale and supply of alcohol in its geographical area. It can modify and refine some of the national rules to reflect the particular circumstances of the local area and introduce other local requirements.
- 1.6 The Act allows for territorial authorities to work together to develop a combined LAP. Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa District Councils have decided to develop a LAP together for the Wairarapa
- 1.7 Once a LAP comes into force, each Council's District Licensing Committee (DLC) along with the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority (ARLA) must have regard to the policy when they make decisions on licence applications.

- 1.8 A LAP must be reasonable and consistent with the purpose of the Act.
- 1.9 It must be developed in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, the NZ Police, Council's Licensing Inspectors and the community, including those who own and operate licensed premises.
- 1.10 The following matters have been considered in preparing this LAP (*please refer to the draft Wairarapa LAP appendices for more information*):
- Objectives and policies of the Wairarapa Combined District Plan
 - The number of licences of each kind in the District and location and opening hours of premises.
 - Alcohol bans that are in force
 - The demographic profile of residents and tourists
 - Overall health indicators of residents
 - The nature and severity of alcohol-related problems
- 1.11 In the future the LAP can be amended or revoked at any time subject to appropriate consultation processes being followed. It will be reviewed three years after the date from which it first takes effect, and must be reviewed at least every 6 years thereafter.

The Meaning of Terms used in this LAP

- 1.12 For further details refer to the section of the Act that is referenced.

Types of Licences

- **on-licence** where the licensee can sell and supply alcohol for consumption on the premises and can let people consume alcohol there (see section 14 of the Act)
- **off-licence** where the licensee sells alcohol from a premises for consumption somewhere else (see section 17 of the Act);
- **club licence** where the licensee (e.g. a club) can sell and supply alcohol for consumption on the club premises by authorised customers (see section 21 of the Act); and
- **special licence** which can be either on-site or off-site special licences. With an on-site special, the licensee can sell or supply alcohol for consumption there to people attending an event described in the licence. With an off-site special, the licensee can sell the licensee's alcohol, for consumption somewhere else to people attending an event described in the licence (see section 22 of the Act).

Reasonable

For the purpose of this Local Alcohol Policy, reasonable is defined as a position that the average Wairarapa resident would perceive to be fair, sensible and balanced.

Other Terms

- Act** means the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
- bottle store** means retail premises where, in the opinion of the DLC, at least 85% of the annual sale revenue is expected to be

earned from the sale of alcohol for consumption somewhere else (refer section 32(1)).

- bar** in relation to a hotel or tavern, means a part of the hotel or tavern used principally or exclusively for the sale or consumption of alcohol (refer section 5(1)).
- club** means a body that—
(a) is a body corporate having as its object (or as one of its objects) participating in or promoting a sport or other recreational activity, otherwise than for gain; or
(b) is a body corporate whose object is not (or none of whose objects is) gain; or
(c) holds a permanent club charter (refer section 5(1)).
- DLC** means the District Licensing Committee as appointed by each of the three Wairarapa Councils pursuant to section 186 of the Act.
- Entertainment evening** means an event initiated by a Club that requires a special licence (in contrast to someone external applying for a special licence and using the facility as a venue) for the purpose of providing entertainment and/or promoting the Club to new or existing members.
- hotel** means premises used or intended to be used in the course of business principally for providing to the public—
(a) lodging; and
(b) alcohol, meals, and refreshments for consumption on the premises (refer section 5(1)).
- Restaurant/café** means premises that—
(a) are not a conveyance; and
(b) are used or intended to be used in the course of business principally for supplying meals to the public for eating on the premises (refer section 5(1)).
- sports club** means a Club that has, as a key objective, participation in or promotion of a sport for purposes other than financial gain.
- supermarket** means premises with a floor area of at least 1000m² (including any separate departments set aside for such foodstuffs as fresh meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, and delicatessen items) (refer section 5(1)).
- tavern** (a) means premises used or intended to be used in the course of business principally for providing alcohol and other refreshments to the public; but
(b) does not include an airport bar (refer section 5(1)) i.e. an airport bar is not treated as a tavern for alcohol licensing purposes).
- Wairarapa** for the purpose of this Local Alcohol Policy, Wairarapa refers to the territorial areas made up of the Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa District Councils.

Purpose, Aims & Scope

PURPOSE

- 2.1 This LAP provides local guidance for the three Council's District Licensing Committees so that licensing decisions:
- Contribute to a safe and healthy district
 - Reflect the character and values, preferences and needs identified as being important to our communities;
 - Foster positive, responsible drinking behaviours and alcohol-related harm is reduced.

AIMS

- 2.2 The aims of this LAP are to:
- Promote safe and responsible sale, supply and consumption of alcohol.
 - Reflect the views of our communities regarding the appropriate location, number, hours and conditions that apply to licensed premises;
 - Provide certainty and clarity for applicants and the public as to whether a proposed license application meets the criteria in the LAP;
 - Provide effective guidance for the decisions of the District Licensing Committee and the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.

SCOPE

- 2.3 A LAP can only deal with matters relating to licensing. Through a LAP the community is able to:
- Restrict the location of licensed premises in particular areas or near certain types of facilities, such as in specific neighbourhoods or near schools;
 - Limit the density of licensed premises by specifying whether new licences or types of licences should be issued in a particular area;
 - Require the imposition of conditions on groups of licences, such as a "one-way door" condition that would allow patrons to leave premises but not enter or re-enter after a certain time;
 - Recommend discretionary conditions for licences;
 - Restrict or extend the default maximum trading hours set in the Act, which are:
 - 8am - 4am for on-licences (such as pubs, taverns and restaurants)
 - 7am - 11pm for off-licences (such as bottle stores and supermarkets).
- 2.4 For special licences, policies can be set on maximum trading hours, discretionary conditions and one-way door restrictions only.
- 2.5 Where the LAP does set maximum trading hours, the District Licensing Committee has discretion to set the permitted trading hours as more restrictive than the maximum trading hours in the LAP.
- 2.6 The LAP can be more restrictive in its provisions relating to licensed premises, but cannot permit activities not allowed by the District Plan. The Wairarapa Combined District Plan provides for licensed premises within Commercial and Industrial zones, and in rural areas when accessory to another use e.g. vineyard, or by resource consent.
- 2.7 Section 117 of the Act permits the District Licensing Committee and the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority to issue any licence subject to "any

reasonable conditions not inconsistent with this Act". LAPs can include policies to guide the District Licensing Committee and Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority as to the discretionary conditions that may be appropriate.

HOW A POLICY IS APPLIED

- 2.8 Policies will apply to all applications for licences after the date that the policy comes into force.
- 2.9 Except that maximum trading hours in this policy will apply to all licences issued before the date this policy comes into force.
- 2.10 The LAP applies to renewals of licences in accordance with section 133 of the Act.

CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERING LICENSING APPLICATIONS

- 2.11 Decisions on applications for licences are made by District Licensing Committees.
- 2.12 Under sections 105 and 131 of the Act the District Licensing Committee must consider each application, or application to renew, in accordance with the criteria set out in the Act. The criteria includes whether the application complies with a LAP. Other criteria are:
 - the object of the Act;
 - the suitability of the applicant;
 - the design and layout of the premises;
 - whether the applicant provides goods and services other than those related to the sale of alcoholic and non-alcoholic refreshments and food;
 - whether the applicant has the appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law.

Section 105 also requires the DLC to consider the following criteria for new applications:

- whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality is likely to be reduced by more than a minor extent, by the issue of a licence;
- whether the amenity and good order of the locality are already so badly affected by the effects of the issue of existing licences that it is desirable not to issue any further licences.

Section 131 also requires the DLC to consider the following criteria for renewal applications:

- whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality is likely to be increased by more than a minor extent, by the effects of a refusal to renew the licence;
- any matters dealt with in any report from the Police, an inspector, or a Medical officer of Health, as per section 129;
- the manner in which the applicant has sold, displayed, advertised or promoted alcohol.

- 2.13 The Act states that a licence may be refused or conditions applied if the issue of the licence, or the consequences of the issue of the licence, would be inconsistent with the LAP (section 108 and 109). Where a licence is renewed and it will be inconsistent with the provisions of the LAP, conditions may be imposed (section 133).

Policies

GENERAL

3.1 LOCATION OF LICENSED PREMISES

From the date this LAP comes into force, no further licences are to be issued for any premises unless the location of that premise complies with the provisions of the Wairarapa Combined District Plan or a Resource Consent has been granted or it complies with Section 10 of the Resource Management Act.

The Act requires DLCs to consider the effects of proposed new premises on the amenity and good order of the locality when considering a licence application.

Schools and other education facilities, children's playgrounds and recreation facilities, health and social services and high deprivation areas have been identified as sensitive sites and will be considered when assessing the effects of new resource consent and licence applications. Residential areas are covered by the Wairarapa Combined District Plan and any new application would require resource consent.

Applications for new licences that are assessed as having an increased amenity effect may be declined.

SPECIFIC

3.2 OFF-LICENCES

3.2.1 Maximum Trading Hours

The following maximum trading hours apply to off-licence premises in the Wairarapa region and include all off-licence sales including over the counter sales:

	Opening	Closing
All Districts – All Off-Licences	7.00am	10.00pm

3.2.2 Discretionary conditions for off-licences

Conditions relating to the following matters may be appropriate for off licences:

- Supervised designation of all bottle stores to ensure unaccompanied minors do not enter bottle stores.
- Restriction on advertisement or display of alcohol that is visible from outside and/or the entrance to the premises.
- Require signage and display of alcohol to be consistent with "Guidelines for Crime prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) for Licensed Premises" (June, 2012).

3.3 ON-LICENCES

3.3.1 Maximum Trading Hours

The following maximum trading hours apply to all on-licensed premises in the Wairarapa region (other than hotel in-bedroom (mini-bar) sales):

	Opening	Closing
All Districts – All On-Licence Premises	8.00am	1.00am the following day

The following hours apply to hotel in-bedroom (mini-bar) sales:

Hotel Mini Bars and/or Lodgers	24 hour
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3.3.2 Discretionary conditions for on-licences

Conditions relating to the following matters **may** be appropriate for on-licences:

- One way door restrictions from a specified time.
- Specify the range of food, non-alcohol and low-alcohol drinks to be provided.
- Specify limits on the number of drinks per customer at specified times.
- No serving in glass containers at specified times.
- Restrictions on the wearing and/or display of gang paraphernalia.
- Restrictions on the use of outdoor areas after 'x' hour, e.g. outdoor speakers are prohibited after 'x' hour.
- Require licensed outside areas to be monitored.
- Require a management plan for the management of patrons in outdoor areas to minimise impacts on the amenity of near-by properties.
- Conditions relating to management such as:
 - certificated staff required if the occupancy exceeds a prescribed number or if recommended by Police or the Inspector
 - requirement for multiple managers for large events and/or establishments

The following conditions **may** be appropriate for on-licensed premises such as BYO restaurants:

- The holder of a manager's certificate to be on duty during busy periods e.g. Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights

3.4 CLUB LICENCES

3.4.1 Maximum Trading Hours

The following maximum trading hours apply to club-licensed premises in the Wairarapa region:

Club Licences	Maximum trading hours for club licences will be considered on a case by case basis, but will generally not exceed 8.00am* until 11.00pm for Sports Clubs and 8.00am* until 1.00am the next day for other Clubs. *6.00am on ANZAC Day only for those hosting ANZAC celebrations.
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3.4.2 Discretionary conditions for club licences:

Conditions relating to the following matters **may** be appropriate for Club licensed premises depending on the size and nature of the club:

- One way door restrictions from a specified time.
- Specify the range of food, non-alcohol and low-alcohol drinks to be provided.
- Require licensed outside areas to be monitored.
- Require a management plan for the management of patrons in outdoor areas to minimise impacts on the amenity of near-by properties.

- Require the holder of a manager's certificate to be present when alcohol is available for sale during busy periods e.g. more than X people are on the Club premises. For large events or establishments, a number of licensed managers may be specified.

3.5 SPECIAL LICENCES

3.5.1 Special licences may be issued both for off-site consumption (e.g. wine sales from a market stall) or for on-site consumption (e.g. at a community event or when a bar has a special licence to open earlier/close later for significant events). For the purpose of clarifying Section 41 of the Act, one entertainment evening per month is considered reasonable.

3.5.2 Maximum Trading Hours

The hours (opening and closing) and duration of a special licence are set at the discretion of the District Licensing Committee for each event, having regard to the nature of the event, or series of events, as assessed on a case by case basis.

Special Licences	Maximum trading hours for special licences will be considered on a case by case basis.
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3.5.3 Discretionary conditions for special licences

Conditions relating to the following matters ***may*** be appropriate for special licences depending on the size and nature of the event:

- Specify the range of food, non-alcohol and low-alcohol drinks to be provided.
- Wine to be sold by the glass or plastic container only.
- Areas to be clearly defined/ cordoned off/ demarcated where alcohol is being sold/consumed outside of the building e.g. beer tent. Where appropriate people are to remain within the defined area.
- Require licensed outside areas to be monitored.
- Require a management plan for the management of patrons in outdoor areas to minimise impacts on the amenity of nearby properties.
- One way door restrictions from a specified time.
- The holder of a manager's certificate is to be present when alcohol is available for sale. For large events or establishments, multiple managers may be specified.
- Restrict BYO alcohol and require security to check the public for alcohol/contraband as they arrive and confiscate any alcohol/ contraband found.
- Where an event is taking place within an alcohol ban area require signage at the event exit to remind the public that when they leave the event they will be entering an alcohol ban area.
- For events with over 400 attendees, or as otherwise considered appropriate:
- Require an Alcohol Management Plan in a form acceptable to the District Licensing Committee. The Plan should identify alcohol related risks as they apply to the event and state how these will be mitigated.
- Specify the maximum number of alcoholic drinks per sale transaction, as appropriate.
- Careful consideration of the appropriateness of alcohol associated with driving events shall be undertaken and such applications may be refused.