



Liquor Primary

\$4,400 application fee and first-year licensing fee (renewal fees based upon annual liquor sales)

7-12 month processing time

Any business may apply for a liquor primary licence except for businesses directed at minors or businesses operating in a motor vehicle. Bars, pubs, and night clubs are common examples of establishments needing liquor primary licences.

Any business wanting to offer liquor service as an additional service to patrons or have a liquor focused service area (e.g. spa, art gallery and retail store) must apply for a liquor primary licence. Cooking schools must apply for a liquor primary licence if they want to license the kitchen or hold a cooking class inside the dining room.

Private Clubs may apply for a liquor primary club licence, which is a sub-class of the liquor primary licence with terms and conditions regarding membership. If liquor service is not the primary focus of the business, the Branch may allow minors in the service area(s) subject to certain restrictions.

Liquor primary and food primary licences may be located in the same service area provided both licences are held by the same owner. Each licence must have different hours of liquor service, but occupy the exact same space, so that only one licence is operating at a time.

Family Food Service

This term and condition permits minors into the establishment when accompanied by a parent or guardian until 10:00pm for the purposes of family dining. There is no charge for this term and condition if applied for with the initial liquor primary licence.

Minors in Recreation Facility

This endorsement permits minors unaccompanied in liquor-primary and liquor-primary club licensed areas located in a separate lounge area of a curling club, bowling alley, golf course facility, a recreation facility or a stadium (not including banquet rooms or multi-purpose rooms), provided specific terms and conditions are met. There is no charge for this endorsement if applied for with the initial liquor primary licence.

Catering

This endorsement permits the sale of liquor at catered events where a liquor primary establishment has been hired to provide food service. There is no charge for this endorsement if applied for with the initial liquor primary licence.

Off-Premises Sales

This endorsement permits liquor primary establishments to sell bottled beer, wine, cider and coolers for patrons to take home provided there are no liquor retailers within 30 km, or the liquor primary establishment is a brew-pub. There is no charge for this endorsement if applied for with the initial liquor primary licence.

Temporary Use Area

This endorsement permits ski hills or golf courses only to extend their licensed activities to outdoor areas on their property up to 26 times a year.

Apply

[A Guide to Filling Out the Liquor Primary Form \(PDF, 365 KB\)](#)

[Liquor Primary Application Form \(LCRB001\) \(PDF, 831 KB\)](#)

[Personal History Summary Form \(LCRB004\) \(PDF, 232 KB\)](#)

Important Information

Most application delays are a result of incomplete applications.

Once you have completed the application, [review the checklist included in the guide](#) to ensure you have included all documents and information required.

Terms & Conditions

Please review the [Liquor-Primary Licence Terms and Conditions Handbook \(PDF, 946](#)

KB) for information on the terms and conditions of your licence.

Contact Information

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