

Information sheet

Frequently asked questions for artisan producer liquor licence

Learn more about applying for an artisan producer liquor licence and transitioning to this licence from another liquor licence type.

You can apply for an artisan producer licence when the main function of your business is the production on the licensed premises of:

- craft beer in volumes greater than 2,500 litres but less than 5 million litres in each financial year
- artisan spirits in volumes greater than 400 litres but less than 450,000 litres in each financial year.

While the new law is expected to commence in early May 2021, we are accepting applications for artisan producer licences or transitions from a producer/wholesaler licence, but licences will only be issued once the artisan legislation comes into effect.

What are the fees and returns for artisan producer licences?

The base annual fee for an artisan producer licence is \$1,050.

No pro-rata fee for the 2020–21 financial year will be charged to licensees who lodge a transition application by 30 June 2021. But the relevant licence fee will be payable by all artisan producer licensees for the 2021–22 financial year.

An annual fees notice will be provided to all licensees in late June 2021.

An annual return will also not be required for the new artisan producer licence for the 2020–21 financial year. Current producer/wholesaler licensees who transition to an artisan producer licence will still be required to lodge a return relevant to this licence type for this period.

All producer/wholesaler and artisan producer licensees will be required to lodge a return for the 2021–22 financial year. If you transition during this period, separate returns will be required for each licence type.

We are working on a more customer-friendly process for 2021–22 returns.

Can I sell other Queensland artisanal products and wine?

In addition to selling your own product for on- and off-premises consumption, you can also sell other Queensland artisanal products and wine under this licence. Note that the sale of another Queensland licensee's products cannot account for more than 30% of your total sales for the year and can only be offered for on-premises consumption.

[Search for other approved liquor licences](#) for details of other licensed Queensland artisan producers - select from artisan producer, producer/wholesaler and wine producer in the Licence Type field.

You can also contact your industry body for advice.

Can I sell artisan liquor at promotional events?

You may apply to have a condition endorsed on your artisan producer licence to allow sales of craft beer and artisan spirits you produced on the licensed premises at a promotional event, for consumption as samples at the event or away from the event (takeaway).



To apply for this endorsement, mark the relevant box under Part G of the [Form 1—Application for a liquor licence](#).

There is no restriction on the number of promotional events you can attend once your licence is endorsed with this condition—you don't need to further approval.

Samples may be sold or provided free of charge for consumption at the event. Unless otherwise approved, sample sizes are restricted to 15ml (artisan spirits) and 150ml (craft beer). The sale price for samples is not prescribed.

And unless otherwise approved, the total volume of artisan spirits that may be sold to each person at the event for takeaway is 1.5 litres, while the total volume of craft beer that may be sold to each person is 9 litres

What does a currently licensed producer/wholesaler licensee do to transition to an artisan producer licence?

If you are currently a producer/wholesaler licensee, you can transition to an artisan producer licence if

- you hold (or will hold) a brewery or manufacturer licence under the *Excise Act 1901* (Cwlth) and
- your business meets the production requirements and
- is not a corporation related to a large brewer or distiller.

There is no time limit for the transition to happen—you can apply at any time. However, if you apply before 30 June 2021, there will be an expedited transition process and you will not need to pay the application fee.

Producer/wholesaler licensees, who are not changing their business model, will only need to complete Parts B and G of the [Form 1](#) to transition to the new artisan producer licence. No supporting documents need to be lodged with the application; however, OLGR may request further information as needed.

You should also confirm with your local authority that no further town planning approvals are needed.

Any warehouse or offices included on the current producer/wholesaler licensed area will be included under the new licence. These areas cannot be used for the production or consumption of liquor.

If you choose to transition from your current producer/wholesaler licence, it will be automatically cancelled when your artisan producer licence is approved. By transitioning, you are replacing the existing liquor licence over the production and associated areas with a new licence. The Liquor Act does not allow 2 liquor licences to apply to the same area.

Which licences can transition to an artisan producer licence?

Any current liquor licensee can choose to transition to the artisan producer licence if they meet the criteria for the licence.

Are there restrictions?

You cannot make an application for this licence as a corporation that is related to either:

- a large brewer (produces more than 40 million litres of beer in any financial year)
- a large distiller (produces more than 2 million litres of spirits in any financial year).

A licensee that is a corporation is related to a large brewer or distiller if either:

- 20% or more of the corporation's shares are owned by, or held in trust for, a large brewer or distiller or a subsidiary of a large brewer or distiller
- 20% or more of the votes that may be cast at a general meeting of the corporation can be cast by, or on behalf of, a large brewer or distiller or their subsidiaries.

What is the expedited transition process?

We are implementing an expedited process where current producer/wholesaler licensees can transition fee-free, provided an application is lodged by 30 June 2021.



Producer/wholesaler licensees who are not changing their business model will only need to complete Parts B and G of the [Form 1](#) to transition to the new licence. You won't need to provide supporting documents when applying, but we may request them later if necessary.

For new licence applications or changes to a business model, you will need to supply these supporting documents.

You should also consider confirming with your local authority that no further town planning approvals will be required to obtain the new licence.

The processing time is generally 2 months, but this will be affected by the quality of the application and whether any issues are identified, including community comments responding to advertising the application.

What classifies as a change to a producer/wholesaler's business model?

If any of the following matters are included in your transition application, the expedited transition process won't apply and additional supporting documentation will be required along with the relevant [application fee](#).

- Changes to the premise's trading hours
- Changes to the premise's licensed area
- Changes to consumption areas
- Changes to the conditions of licence (e.g. seeking approval to provide amplified entertainment)
- Seeking to have consumption on the premises, if not previously approved
- Changes to the entities/persons involved with the business

Read more about [permanent changes to a liquor licence](#).

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