



# EVERSOL'S weekly law

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## Licensed to sell

With Christmas, the New Year and the Country Music Festival fast approaching, it is time for businesses and community organisations to start planning their function calendar for 2009/2010 and ensure they have the necessary liquor licences in place to cater for scheduled events.

A liquor licence is required to sell alcohol in NSW (except in limited circumstances) and staff who serve or supply alcohol in licensed premises, as well as venue security staff, must have completed an approved Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) course and hold an RSA Certificate.

It is important that any function at which liquor is intended to be sold is licensed to do so.

Whilst businesses such as bottle shops and restaurants are required to hold a permanent liquor licence, organisations that are involved in the sale of liquor less frequently are able to obtain limited licences to cover events which include the sale of alcohol.

Businesses and organisations such as a sporting clubs or community groups that intend to hold functions, entertainment events, seminars, conferences, meetings, dinners, balls and charity fundraisers as part of their annual calendar of events can apply for a Limited Licence which allows sale of alcohol at single or multiple functions.

Functions operating under a Limited Licence must ensure appropriate liquor signage is displayed, that no alcohol is removed from the premises at which the function is being held, and that all liquor supplied is sold in open bottles/cans.

Organisations intending to apply for a Limited Licence must lodge the relevant application form and fee with the Office of Liquor Gaming & Racing at least 28 days prior to the first function at which alcohol is proposed to be supplied.

If you or your organisation is interested in applying for a liquor licence, contact the experienced team at Everingham Solomons where *Helping You is Our Business*.



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