



LIQUOR TRADING HOURS

Schedule for on-consumption licensed premises

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General rules

You may not sell liquor to the public for consumption on or off any premises:

- (a) without a valid liquor licence; and
- (b) outside of the days and hours determined by the City.

Standard trading times

Selling of liquor for on consumption at a licensed establishment is allowed:

- (a) on any day of the week; and
- (b) during the hours of trade as set out in the schedule below.

Note: A customer may finish their alcoholic beverage at a licensed establishment, but not for more than 30 minutes after the permitted cut-off time.

Sparkling wine is allowed to be sold to guests who are part of an organised function where admittance is controlled:

- (a) from 08:00 - 11:00, seven days a week; and
- (b) as part of a meal.

A licensed hotel or guest accommodation establishment may provide access to a bar facility inside each private suite or room for guests at all times.

SCHEDULE

Location category and licensed premises type	Maximum permitted trading hours
1. Residential area	
Guest accommodation establishment	11:00 – 23:00
Business premises	
Place of entertainment	
Sports and community club excluding special events requiring temporary licences	
Hotel	11:00 – 02:00 following day
Casino	
2. Local business or neighbourhood business area including mixed use areas	
Guest accommodation establishment	11:00 – 23:00
Business premises	
Place of entertainment	
Sports and community club excluding special events requiring temporary licences	11:00 – 24:00
Hotel	11:00 – 02:00 following day
Casino	

Location category and licensed premises type	Maximum permitted trading hours
3. General business area	
Guest accommodation establishment	11:00 – 02:00 following day
Business premises	
Place of entertainment	
Sports and community club excluding special events requiring temporary licences	
Hotel	
Casino	
4. Industrial area	
Business premises	11:00 – 02:00 following day
Place of entertainment	
Sports and community club excluding special events requiring temporary licences	
5. Agricultural area	
Guest accommodation establishment	11:00 – 02:00 following day
Business premises	
Place of entertainment	
Sports and community club excluding special events requiring temporary licences	
Winery	
Hotel	
6. Small-holding or rural area	
Guest accommodation establishment	11:00 – 24:00
Business premises	
Place of entertainment	
Sports and community club excluding special events requiring temporary licences	
Winery	
7. Other ad-hoc locations	
Vehicles or mobile undertakings used for tourist or entertainment or recreational purposes as per definition of 'premises' in section 1 of the Act , except where City of Cape Town Special Events By-law determines otherwise	11:00 – 24:00
Special events or temporary licensed premises	Determined by an Event Permit granted by the City in terms of our Events Policy and approved by the relevant Subcouncil
8. Cape Town International Airport	
Limited to the International Passenger Departures Area	00:00 – 24:00

Note: Determination of applicable location category

If the location category of your premises is unclear, in dispute, difficult to determine or the area zoning does not match the use of the premises (e.g. a business zoned premises in the middle of a residential area), the actual zoning, consent or departure use rights of your licensed premises will be used to determine the category.