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## Annual licence fees

Following amendments to the *Liquor Act 1992*, the payment of annual licence fees will be introduced from 1 January 2009.

The annual licence fee payable by a licensee will be calculated using a 'self assessment table.' (which can be obtained from our website [www.olgr.qld.gov.au](http://www.olgr.qld.gov.au))

### Base fee

Each licence type will have a base fee.

Commercial hotel licensees with one or more detached bottle shops will pay an additional \$3,000 for each shop.

The commercial special facility base fee is determined by trading hours.

The community club base fee is determined by the number of members.

### Trading hours

The fees in this section are cumulative and must be paid for each trading period approved.

For example, a licensee who trades:

- for functions from 7am–9am every day and
  - from 9am–10am every day and
  - from 12am–5am on weekends only
- will pay a total of \$14,625/yr for the trading hours criteria (\$500 + \$5,625 + \$7,500 + \$1,000).

### Provision of meals

A meal is defined in the *Liquor Act 1992* as being eaten by a person sitting at a table, or fixed structure with cutlery provided for the purpose of eating the food and is of sufficient substance to be ordinarily accepted as a meal.

The meals criteria does not apply to businesses where the general public would not ordinarily expect liquor to be available and therefore would also not expect meals to be available to patrons - for example, cinemas, florists, gift basket businesses, hospitals, TAFE institutions.

### Compliance history

Compliance history will be taken into consideration in 2010. The fees for compliance history will be based on the previous financial year. Therefore the first compliance fee due on 31 July 2010 will be for any adverse history between 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.

### When is the first annual fee payment due?

The initial payment of fees is due by 31 January 2009. This is for the period 1 January to 30 June 2009. As this period is half a year, the fee to be paid is half of the calculated annual fee.

The first annual fee payment for a full year will be due by 31 July 2009.

### What happens if I do not pay my fees by the due date?

The licence will be automatically suspended. If the fees remain outstanding cancellation proceedings will commence.

### If I apply for a new licence that is granted in March, do I have to pay an annual fee?

Yes. The annual fee will be adjusted on a pro rata basis from March to 30 June. Payment of the fee will be required within 28 days of the approval.

### How can I reduce my annual fee?

Altering trading is a business decision for each licensee. However, some of the possibilities are:

- maintain ordinary trading hours
- provide meals up to two hours prior to closing (if applicable)
- ensure no adverse compliance history
- reduce number of detached bottle shops if a commercial hotel licence.

For further information, please contact the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing on 13 13 04 or visit [www.olgr.qld.gov.au](http://www.olgr.qld.gov.au)

