

**Date:** April 7, 2021

**To:** Liquor primary and food primary licensees permitted to remain open during the COVID-19 health crisis  
All LCRB Staff  
All Industry Associations  
All local governments, Indigenous Nations and police agencies

**Re:** **Temporary authority for the sale and delivery of draught beer for off-site consumption with the purchase of a meal for take-out or delivery.**

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### **Current Regulation Authority**

In March 2021, the Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation (LCLR) was amended to permanently authorize liquor primary and food primary licensees to sell unopened liquor to patrons in conjunction with the sale of a meal that is for take-out or delivery.

The sale and delivery of draught beer was not included in this authority and remained prohibited.

For more information, see Policy Directive [21-04](#).

### **New Temporary Regulation Authority and Terms and Conditions**

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Province's March 2020 declaration of a state of emergency, and the Provincial Health Officer's (PHO) order made March 30, 2021 suspending indoor food and drink service until April 19, 2021, the LCLR has been amended to authorize liquor primary and food primary licensees to temporarily sell and deliver draught beer to patrons. The sale of draught beer must occur in conjunction with the sale of a meal for consumption outside of the establishment.

This authority is subject to terms and conditions. Draught beer must be sold in new glass vessels referred to as growlers and bombers provided by the licensee. Growlers and bombers may only be filled following the receipt of an order; they must not be filled in anticipation of orders.

Glass vessels provided must be one of the following standard sizes:

- 500 ml
- 0.95 L (32 US fl oz)
- 1 L
- 1.89 L (64 US fl oz)
- 2 L
- 3.79 L (128 US fl oz)
- 4 L

Growlers and bombers are subject to the packaged beer minimum price as seen in the table below.

Liquor Category	Minimum Price Per Litre (not including all sales taxes)
Wine	\$6.44
Spirits	\$27.88
Liqueurs	\$20.39
Packaged Beer (bottles, tins, growlers, bombers)	\$3.19
Cider and Coolers	\$3.75

The delivery of liquor under this authority is subject to the LCLR and relevant terms and conditions. This temporary amendment to the Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation (LCLR) remains in effect for sixty days from April 7, 2021, and **will expire on June 6, 2021**.

For more information on this temporary authority, please refer to the LCLR and Terms and Conditions handbooks for Liquor Primary and Food Primary Licences.

### Further Information

Further information regarding liquor and cannabis regulation and licensing in British Columbia is available on the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) website at <http://www.gov.bc.ca/liquorregulationandlicensing>.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the LCRB toll free in Canada at 1-866-209-2111 or 250 952-5787 if calling from the Victoria area.

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