

Date: December 9, 2014

To: All LCLB Staff
All Industry Associations
All Local Government, First Nations, and Police Agencies

Re: **Removing the ½ hour restriction prior to liquor service hours in Liquor Primary establishments with the Family Foodservice Term and Condition**

Present Policy

Alternative use policy requires that all Liquor Primary licenced establishments clear all patrons from the establishment ½ hour prior to licensed hours. An example is an LP offering breakfast prior to the hours of liquor sale noted on the face of their licence. During this breakfast time minors are allowed within - even unaccompanied. The rationale for the ½ hour buffer is to ensure that minors are out of the establishment before liquor service starts.

Amendment to Policy

Effective immediately a Liquor Primary licensed establishment that has applied for and holds the Family Foodservice Term and Condition is no longer required to clear the establishment of guests for the ½ hour prior to licensed hours. However, any minors not accompanied by a parent or guardian must still be asked to leave the establishment prior to the commencement of liquor service.

Establishments with a Family Foodservice Term and Condition will still have to clear all patrons a ½ hour prior to an evening alternate use event.

Further Information

Further information regarding liquor control and licensing in British Columbia is available on the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch website at <http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/lclb/>. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch toll free in Canada at 1-866-209-2111 or 250 952-5787 if calling from the Victoria area.

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