

Date: June 20, 2014

To: All LCLB and LDB staff
UBrew/ UVin Industry Association
All Industry Associations
All Local Government, First Nations, and Police Agencies

Re: **Liquor Policy Review recommendations 53 and 70: UBrew and UVin changes**

Introduction

The recent Liquor Policy Review (LPR) recommendations 53 and 70 are intended to increase flexibility and opportunities for UBrew/UVin licensees and the public.

53. Allow hosts to serve Ubrew/UVin or homemade beer, cider and wine at Family Special Occasion Licensed (SOL) events (e.g. weddings, family reunions).

70. Permit the owners and family members of UBrews and UVins to own other liquor-related establishments.

Previous policy

1. SOL licensees must purchase all liquor from the Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB).
2. The owner of UBrews/UVins may not have any ownership stake or other interest in another type of liquor licence.

New policy

1. The Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation section 15 is amended to permit SOL licensees of family events to serve wine, beer or cider made at a residence or a licensed UBrew or UVin. There must be no charge associated with the non-commercial liquor but liquor purchased from the LDB may still be sold at the same event.

A family event is defined in the Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation as “a celebration of a family occasion including a wedding, a christening, a bar mitzvah or other religious occasion, a birthday or a wedding anniversary, if

- a member of the family or a close friend of the family is the licensee and host for the event,
- attendance at the event is by prior invitation only, and
- invitations are extended only to family members, friends of the family and those officiating at the event.”

A family event will continue to have its own application form available at any LDB outlet.

Note: The prohibition on SOLs for bachelor/bachelorette parties is repealed.

2. The Liquor Control and Licensing Act section 18 is amended to permit the owner of a UBrew/UVin to own, or have an interest in, another type of liquor licence. Tied house restrictions are placed on other types of liquor licences to prevent some forms of unfair market advantage. However, as UBrew/UVins do not sell liquor these restrictions are not applicable to these businesses.

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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