

December 18, 2015

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

Re: Patron Participation on New Year's Eve for Food Primary Licensees

Current Policy

LCLB policy allows Food Primary (FP) establishments to remain open until 4:00 a.m. on January 1st, regardless of their normal closing hours, provided that food is available and local bylaws do not prohibit extended hours.

There is no extension to hours for patron participation entertainment.

New Policy

Effective immediately, FP establishments with a patron participation entertainment endorsement may allow dancing until 1:00 a.m. on January 1st, provided it is not prohibited by local bylaws.

Further Information

Further information regarding liquor control and licensing in British Columbia is available on the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch website at

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/business/liquor-regulation-licensing>

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 within the Victoria area.

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