

Date: June 30, 2021

To: All LCRB Staff  
All Licensees  
All Industry Associations  
All local government, Indigenous Nations and Police agencies

**Re: Permanent extension of hours of sale**

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### **Previous Temporary Policy**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the General Manager (GM) of the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB), by term and condition, temporarily extended the hours of liquor service for Licensee Retail Stores, Wine Stores and Special Wine Stores, and Manufacturer Onsite Store endorsements to no earlier than 7 a.m. and end no later than 11 p.m.

Additionally, the GM temporarily authorized unlicensed third party delivery services to purchase liquor on behalf of a customer from a liquor store or from any licensee authorized to sell liquor in unopened containers, and deliver and sell that liquor to a customer, provided the delivery does not take place between 11:30 p.m. and 7 a.m.

These temporary changes came into effect on April 3, 2020 and expire on June 30, 2021. For more information, see [Policy Directive 20-11](#) and [Policy Directives 20-18, 20-24, and 21-01](#).

Further, effective February 26, 2021, the GM of the LCRB, by term and condition, temporarily extended the hours of liquor service for Rural Licensee Retail Stores (RLRS).

### **New Regulatory Authority**

The hours of liquor service for in-store patrons at Licensee Retail Stores, Wine Stores and Special Wine Stores, Manufacturer Onsite Store endorsements, and Rural Licensee Retail Stores will be permanently extended on July 1, 2021 to no earlier than 7 a.m. and end no later than 11 p.m. Hours of operation may be limited further by the GM and/or the local government or Indigenous Nation for the area in which a store is located.

Licensees do not need to submit an application to change their hours of sale.

**This change does not apply to the delivery of liquor. On July 1, 2021 liquor delivery is allowed no earlier than 9 a.m.**

## **Further Information**

Further information regarding liquor and cannabis regulation and licensing in British Columbia is available on the 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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