

NEW SMOKE-FREE LAWS AT LIQUOR LICENSED VENUES

The Queensland Government has introduced laws that strengthen smoke-free protection at liquor licensed venues.

These changes will affect all hotels, community clubs and casinos that provide a Designated Outdoor Smoking Area (DOSA) in their venue. Licensees are encouraged to review the requirements and ensure that they are compliant when the laws commence on **1 July 2024**.

THE NEW SMOKE-FREE REQUIREMENTS

Children cannot remain in a DOSA

- Children visiting a venue with an adult must not spend time in a DOSA.
- A child can only move through a DOSA to access other parts of the venue.
- Staff that are under 18 years of age can be in a DOSA for work purposes such as to clear away glasses. Wherever possible venues should take steps to limit this activity for younger staff.
- The licensee is responsible for ensuring that patrons are compliant with the requirement for children not to remain in a DOSA.

Smoke-free buffer requirements are extended

- A new smoke-free buffer is required between a DOSA and adjacent enclosed parts of the venue (previously, smoke-free buffers were only required between a DOSA and outdoor parts of the venue).
- Smoke-free buffers can be a 2-metre horizontal area, or an impervious screen at least 2.1-metres high.
- If a wall that includes a door is being used as a buffer the door must remain closed unless it is in-use to enter or exit the DOSA.
- If a wall that includes a window is being used as a buffer, the window must remain closed while the DOSA is being used.
- The licensee is responsible for ensuring that smoke-free buffers are compliant.

SMOKING MANAGEMENT PLAN

An up-to-date Smoking Management Plan is a legal requirement for liquor licensed venues that provide a DOSA. Licensees should update their Smoking Management Plan to reflect how they will support compliance with the new laws at their venue.

SIGNAGE

Licensees can order free smoking signage by calling **13 QGOV (13 74 68)**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the [Queensland Health](#) website, or search 'smoke free zones'.

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