



Ministry of
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Liquor Control and
Licensing Branch

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

Re: Updates on minors in ski hills and bowling alleys.

Purpose

The purpose of the bulletin is to outline procedures for

1. Changes arising from Policy Directive 05-06, Minors in Liquor-Primary Establishment Located at a Downhill Ski Resort Area
 2. Bowling centres requesting an exemption to permit minors in their licensed areas
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1. MINORS IN LIQUOR-PRIMARY ESTABLISHMENT LOCATED AT A DOWNHILL SKI RESORT AREA

Background

Since September 2003, minors accompanied by an adult parent or guardian have been allowed on a permanent basis in liquor primary establishments operated by a downhill ski operator. Policy Directive 05-06 expanded this privilege to all liquor primary establishments located at a downhill ski resort.

Change

Minors accompanied by an adult parent or guardian may be present until 8 p.m. in liquor primary establishments located at a downhill ski resort area.

Procedures

The process for requesting this endorsement remains the same: licensees seeking a permanent change to permit minors until 8 p.m. are asked to complete an "Application for Permanent Change to a Liquor Licence (Miscellaneous) " (LCLB045).

- Local Government/First Nation approval is required on the form prior to submission to the Branch
- The application is entered as a C3 process and reviewed for appropriate signature (signing authority)
- The licensee's compliance history report is reviewed and the Compliance and Enforcement Officer is asked to comment
- If enforcement action is underway, the Deputy General Manager of Licensing and Local Government Liaison will consider the application
- If the licensee has a poor compliance history, the application will be referred to a higher authority.
- Approvals will be noted on page 4, section 7 of the application

The term and condition placed on the Liquor Primary licence will read:

Minors accompanied by a parent or guardian may be in the premises up to 8:00 PM

Licensees with an existing minors term and condition:

This revised term and condition is automatic and effective immediately for all licensees who currently are permitted to allow minors until 7 p.m. The extra hour will appear on their renewed licences. Until new licenses are printed, licensees can permit minors to stay until 8:00 pm.

New requests

Licensees requesting that minors be permitted on their premises are asked to complete an "Application for Permanent Change to a Liquor Licence (Miscellaneous) " (LCLB045)

2. BOWLING CENTRES REQUESTING AN EXEMPTION TO PERMIT MINORS IN THEIR LICENSED AREAS

Background:

Effective immediately, the bowlers' area (the concourse and/or bowlers' seating area immediately behind the bowling lanes) may be included for consideration in an application for a Liquor Primary licence. If the application is approved, minors unaccompanied by a parent or guardian may be present in specific portions of a bowling centre's licensed area.

Process:

- Unlicensed bowling centres, such as those facilities that do not have sufficient space for a dedicated lounge, may apply for a new liquor-primary licence for the concourse or players' seating area.
- Bowling centres with an existing liquor-primary licence for a dedicated lounge may apply for a structural change to include the concourse and/or the bowlers' seating area. The compliance history of the licensed establishment will be one of the factors considered in evaluating whether to permit minors in these areas.

If the licensee wishes to apply for the terms and conditions to permit minors, a separate application for permanent change will be required (LCLB 012). Local Government input is not required.

Following are the terms and conditions that would be endorsed on the licence of a bowling centre, as appropriate:

- Minors permitted in *(area name)*
- Minors prohibited in stand-alone lounge.
- A reasonable section of the bowling centre must be set aside where consumption of liquor is not permitted out of consideration for non-drinking patrons.
- Liquor service is not permitted in the concourse or players' area during youth tournaments.

Where Clarification is Required

Please contact Pat Sarsfield at Pat.Sarsfield@gov.bc.ca or 250 387-6542.



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