

Varying Your Existing License

Getting the most out of your liquor license is an essential ingredient to business success and adding or removing approvals or restrictions on your license can make a huge difference in your profits. Like obtaining a new license, varying the conditions, licensed area or trading hours of your existing license can be a daunting process. RSA Liquor Professionals can provide expert advice and assistance in negotiating the application process leaving prospective licensees to focus on other key operational tasks whilst this often lengthy process is undertaken.

A range of applications to permanently change your existing liquor license are available under the *Liquor Act 1992* with statutory application fees including:

- Approval of extended trading hours (permanent) \$221.30;
- Catering endorsement on the license \$97.50;
- Changing existing conditions on the license \$221.30;
- Permanent Change in Licensed Area \$97.50;
- Alterations to Licensed Premises \$97.50;
- Approval to conduct other business on licensed premises \$97.50;
- Change name of premises \$97.50; and
- Approval of an amended RAMP \$97.50, amongst others

(NB: These fees are statutory OLGR application fees)

OLGR has established processes for approval of such permits which can include acoustic testing, public advertising of the application, consultation with Police, Council, and OLGR Compliance Officers and other stakeholders which can be difficult to navigate for the inexperienced or unprepared. Let us take the hassle out of your hands and assist in managing the application process for you.

Our Director, Russell Steele, is a former Principal Compliance Officer and Investigator with the Office of Liquor & Gaming Regulation (OLGR) who brings his expert knowledge of the OLGR licensing process to assist in streamlining your application process. Russell has 9 years experience in conducting risk assessments and recommending approval or refusal of new licenses, extended hours approvals, drafting license conditions to minimise harm and amenity impact, licensed area descriptions and relevant approval and appeal processes within OLGR and can use this extensive knowledge to streamline your application process wherever possible.

Depending on the complexity of the application prices can start from **as little as \$200** plus GST and outlays. Many applications now also require a new Risk Assessed Management Plan (RAMP) to support the application. For more information on having us prepare a RAMP for your premises please see our RAMP Fact Sheet available at www.rsapro.com.au/fact-sheets/.

RSA Liquor Professionals doesn't have fancy offices and large numbers of staff and accordingly don't have to charge fees as high as our competitors who have much higher overheads. We keep costs to a minimum and acknowledge that many of our clients are small businesses trying to do the same. We will match or better any reasonable written quote from other consultants wherever possible, so feel free to call or email us anytime to obtain a realistic quote that shouldn't break the bank.