

# Liquor (Fees) Determination 2025

## Disallowable instrument DI2025-120

made under the

**Liquor Act 2010, section 227 (Determination of fees)**

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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The *Liquor Act 2010* (the Act) regulates the supply of liquor in the ACT. Section 227 of the Act provides that the Minister may determine fees for the Act. The purpose of this instrument is to determine the fees under the Act for the 2025 - 2026 financial year and to give effect to a reduction of certain fees for eligible licensees for which the commissioner has approved an application under section 32B of the Act.

### *Annual licence fees*

Item 501 refers to annual fees for licences under section 32A of the Act. Consistent with section 32A of the Act, the fee determination provides that the fees for a matter at item 501 (annual fees) of the schedule to the fees determination are payable to the commissioner for fair trading. The fees for all other matters are payable to the Territory.

This instrument repeals the *Liquor (Fees) Determination 2024 (No 2)* (DI2024-243).

Fees in the 2025 - 2026 financial year have been generally increased from fees in the previous financial year by the Wages Price Index (WPI) of 3.25% plus an additional 0.35%, rounded down to the nearest dollar. Some smaller value fees may be rounded up to the nearest dollar. This approach also aligns with the *Fees and Charges Policy and Guidelines 2025 - 2026*.

### *Reductions in annual licence fees under section 32B of the Act*

On 10 April 2024, the *Liquor (Night-Time Economy) Amendment Bill 2024* (the Bill) was passed in the Legislative Assembly. The purpose of the Bill was to amend the Act to facilitate reforms to remove regulatory barriers and assist licensed businesses to increase their participation in Canberra's night-time economy, as well as increase support for local artists.

The Bill inserted section 32B into the Act. Section 32B (1) of the Act provides that a licensee who regularly holds eligible events may apply to the commissioner for fair trading for a reduction in the annual fee payable for the licence. This provision was introduced to incentivise the support of local and interstate artists by providing eligible licensees holding eligible events an 80 per cent discount on annual liquor licence fees for venues with an occupancy limit of less than or equal to

150 people. The 80 per cent discount applies to the fees reflected in items 501(1)(a)-(b); 501(2)(a)-(b); 501(3)(a)-(f); and 501(4)(a)-(b) of the Schedule to the determination.

Subsequently, the government committed to extend support for the night-time economy by expanding this incentive. Accordingly, this instrument, the *Liquor (Fees) Determination 2025*, has been made to provide for the extended incentives, which applies a 50 per cent discount on annual liquor fees for venues with an occupancy limit of over 150 people but less than or equal to 350 people. This 50 per cent discount applies to the fees in the Schedule at items 501(1)(c); 501(2)(c); 501(3)(g); and 501(4)(c).

‘Eligible licensee’ and ‘eligible event’ are defined in section 32B (1) and section 32B (7) of the Act, respectively. The fee reductions are not applicable to annual catering licences.

Section 32B (4) provides that the Minister may make guidelines in relation to reducing the annual fee payable for a licence. The *Liquor (Reduction in Annual Licence Fee for Eligible Events) Guidelines 2025 (No 1)* commenced on 1 July 2025.

#### *Reduction in annual licence fees for restaurant, café and general licensees*

In December 2023, the government amended liquor licence fees as part of a broader reform package to support and enhance Canberra’s night-time economy (see the *Liquor (Fees) Determination 2023 (No 2)* (DI2023-305). This package included a 50 per cent reduction in annual liquor fees from 1 January 2024 for restaurant and café licences where total occupancy loading for the premises was less than or equal to 80 persons.

This instrument, the *Liquor (Fees) Determination 2025*, has been made to extend reductions, which apply a 50 per cent discount on annual liquor fees for restaurant and café licences, as well as general licences, with an occupancy limit of less than or equal to 150 persons. Note, for general licences, these extended reductions do not apply to those with an occupancy limit of 20 persons or less. The 50 per cent discount applies to the fees in the Schedule at items 501(2)(b); and, for general licences only, 501(3)(d) and (e). Where applicable, amounts have been rounded down to the nearest dollar to align with the *Fees and Charges Policy and Guidelines 2025 - 2026*.

This instrument revokes, the *Liquor (Fees) Determination 2024 (No 2)* (DI2024-243).

Explanatory notes in the attachment list the fees previously determined to enable comparison.

A determination under section 227 of the Act is a disallowable instrument and must be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

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Column 1 Item	Column 2 Matter in respect of which fee or charge is payable	Column 3 Amount Payable in 2024-25 (as updated August 2024)	Column 4 Amount Payable in 2025-26
<b><i>APPLICATION FEES</i></b>			
500	Fee for an application for licence under section 25 of the <i>Liquor Act 2010</i> .	\$3,503.00 for general licence \$2,842.00 for catering licence \$2,842.00 for on licence \$2,842.00 for club licence \$2,842.00 for off licence other than a first year micro-producer off licence \$282.00 for a first year micro-producer off licence \$4,273.00 for special licence. (GST is not applicable to any fees for Item 500)	\$3,629.00 for general licence \$2,944.00 for catering licence \$2,944.00 for on licence \$2,944.00 for club licence \$2,944.00 for off licence other than a first year micro-producer off licence \$292.00 for a first year micro-producer off licence \$4,426.00 for special licence. (GST is not applicable to any fees for Item 500)
<b><i>ANNUAL FEES</i></b>			
501	Fee for the renewal of a licence under section 42 of the <i>Liquor Act 2010</i> . <b>1) for on licence--nightclub licence:</b> (a) if total occupancy loading for premises $\leq$ 80 people	\$3,815.00 for standard licensed times \$6,360.00 for 1am licensed times \$6,360.00 for 2am licensed times \$8,481.00 for 3am licensed times \$8,481.00 for 4am licensed times \$8,481.00 for 5am licensed times	\$3,952.00 for standard licensed times \$6,588.00 for 1am licensed times \$6,588.00 for 2am licensed times \$8,786.00 for 3am licensed times \$8,786.00 for 4am licensed times \$8,786.00 for 5am licensed times
	(b) if total occupancy loading for premises $>$ 80 people but $\leq$ 150 people	\$5,087.00 for standard licensed times \$8,907.00 for 1am licensed times \$11,453.00 for 2am licensed times \$18,670.00 for 3am licensed times \$22,066.00 for 4am licensed times \$25,460.00 for 5am licensed times	\$5,270.00 for standard licensed times \$9,227.00 for 1am licensed times \$11,865.00 for 2am licensed times \$19,342.00 for 3am licensed times \$22,860.00 for 4am licensed times \$26,376.00 for 5am licensed times
	(c) if total occupancy loading for premises $>$ 150 people but $\leq$ 350 people	\$8,481.00 for standard licensed times \$16,971.00 for 1am licensed times \$20,368.00 for 2am licensed times \$23,763.00 for 3am licensed times \$27,158.00 for 4am licensed times \$30,555.00 for 5am licensed times	\$8,786.00 for standard licensed times \$17,581.00 for 1am licensed times \$21,101.00 for 2am licensed times \$24,618.00 for 3am licensed times \$28,135.00 for 4am licensed times \$31,654.00 for 5am licensed times
	(d) if total occupancy loading for premises $>$ 350 people	\$10,179.00 for standard licensed times \$22,066.00 for 1am licensed times \$25,460.00 for 2am licensed times	\$10,545.00 for standard licensed times \$22,860.00 for 1am licensed times \$26,376.00 for 2am licensed times

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	\$28,856.00 for 3am licensed times \$32,253.00 for 4am licensed times \$35,647.00 for 5am licensed times	\$29,894.00 for 3am licensed times \$33,414.00 for 4am licensed times \$36,930.00 for 5am licensed times
<b>2) for on licence--restaurant and cafe licence:</b>		
(a) if total occupancy loading for premises ≤ 80 people	\$632.00 for standard licensed times \$1,411.00 for 3am licensed times \$1,411.00 for 4am licensed times \$1,411.00 for 5am licensed times	\$654.00 for standard licensed times \$1,461.00 for 3am licensed times \$1,461.00 for 4am licensed times \$1,461.00 for 5am licensed times
(b) if total occupancy loading for premises > 80 people but ≤ 150 people	\$1,691.00 for standard licensed times \$2,964.00 for 1am licensed times \$3,815.00 for 2am licensed times \$6,218.00 for 3am licensed times \$7,349.00 for 4am licensed times \$8,481.00 for 5am licensed times	\$875.00 for standard licensed times \$1,535.00 for 1am licensed times \$1,976.00 for 2am licensed times \$3,220.00 for 3am licensed times \$3,806.00 for 4am licensed times \$4,393.00 for 5am licensed times
(c) if total occupancy loading for premises > 150 people but ≤ 350 people	\$2,822.00 for standard licensed times \$5,652.00 for 1am licensed times \$6,783.00 for 2am licensed times \$7,915.00 for 3am licensed times \$9,048.00 for 4am licensed times \$10,179.00 for 5am licensed times	\$2,923.00 for standard licensed times \$5,855.00 for 1am licensed times \$7,027.00 for 2am licensed times \$8,199.00 for 3am licensed times \$9,373.00 for 4am licensed times \$10,545.00 for 5am licensed times
(d) if total occupancy loading for premises > 350 people	\$3,387.00 for standard licensed times \$7,349.00 for 1am licensed times \$8,481.00 for 2am licensed times \$9,613.00 for 3am licensed times \$10,746.00 for 4am licensed times \$11,878.00 for 5am licensed times	\$3,508.00 for standard licensed times \$7,613.00 for 1am licensed times \$8,786.00 for 2am licensed times \$9,959.00 for 3am licensed times \$11,132.00 for 4am licensed times \$12,305.00 for 5am licensed times
<b>3) for on licence—bar / general licence/ catering licence/ special licence:</b>		
(a) if total occupancy loading for premises ≤ 20 people (general licence only)	\$507.00 for standard licensed times \$847.00 for 1am licensed times \$847.00 for 2am licensed times \$1,129.00 for 3am licensed times \$1,129.00 for 4am licensed times \$1,129.00 for 5am licensed times	\$525.00 for standard licensed times \$877.00 for 1am licensed times \$877.00 for 2am licensed times \$1,169.00 for 3am licensed times \$1,169.00 for 4am licensed times \$1,169.00 for 5am licensed times
(b) if total occupancy loading for premises ≤ 30 people (bar on licence only)	\$507.00 for standard licensed times \$847.00 for 1am licensed times \$847.00 for 2am licensed times \$1,129.00 for 3am licensed times \$1,129.00 for 4am licensed times \$1,129.00 for 5am licensed times	\$525.00 for standard licensed times \$877.00 for 1am licensed times \$877.00 for 2am licensed times \$1,169.00 for 3am licensed times \$1,169.00 for 4am licensed times \$1,169.00 for 5am licensed times
(c) if total occupancy loading for premises ≤ 80 people (bar, catering and special licence only)	\$2,541.00 for standard licensed times \$4,240.00 for 1am licensed times	\$2,632.00 for standard licensed times \$4,392.00 for 1am licensed times

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		\$4,240.00 for 2am licensed times \$5,652.00 for 3am licensed times \$5,652.00 for 4am licensed times \$5,652.00 for 5am licensed times	\$4,392.00 for 2am licensed times \$5,855.00 for 3am licensed times \$5,855.00 for 4am licensed times \$5,855.00 for 5am licensed times
(new) (d) if total occupancy loading for premises > 20 people but ≤ 80 people (general licence only)	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A	\$1,316.00 for standard licensed times  \$2,196.00 for 1am licensed times \$2,196.00 for 2am licensed times \$2,927.00 for 3am licensed times \$2,927.00 for 4am licensed times \$2,927.00 for 5am licensed times	
(formerly (d), now (e)) if total occupancy loading for premises > 80 people but ≤ 150 people (general licence only)		\$3,390.00 for standard licensed times  \$5,933.00 for 1am licensed times \$7,739.00 for 2am licensed times \$12,444.00 for 3am licensed times \$14,707.00 for 4am licensed times \$16,971.00 for 5am licensed times	\$1,756.00 for standard licensed times  \$3,073.00 for 1am licensed times \$4,008.00 for 2am licensed times \$6,445.00 for 3am licensed times \$7,618.00 for 4am licensed times \$8,790.00 for 5am licensed times
(formerly (d), now (f)) if total occupancy loading for premises > 80 people but ≤ 150 people (bar, catering and special licence only)		\$3,390.00 for standard licensed times  \$5,933.00 for 1am licensed times \$7,739.00 for 2am licensed times \$12,444.00 for 3am licensed times \$14,707.00 for 4am licensed times \$16,971.00 for 5am licensed times	\$3,512.00 for standard licensed times  \$6,146.00 for 1am licensed times \$8,017.00 for 2am licensed times \$12,891.00 for 3am licensed times \$15,236.00 for 4am licensed times \$17,581.00 for 5am licensed times
(formerly (e), now (g)) if total occupancy loading for premises > 150 people but ≤ 350 people		\$5,652.00 for standard licensed times \$11,312.00 for 1am licensed times \$13,585.00 for 2am licensed times \$15,840.00 for 3am licensed times \$18,105.00 for 4am licensed times \$20,247.00 for 5am licensed times	\$5,855.00 for standard licensed times \$11,719.00 for 1am licensed times \$14,074.00 for 2am licensed times \$16,410.00 for 3am licensed times \$18,756.00 for 4am licensed times \$20,975.00 for 5am licensed times
(formerly (f), now (h)) if total occupancy loading for premises > 350 people		\$6,783.00 for standard licensed times \$14,707.00 for 1am licensed times \$16,971.00 for 2am licensed times \$19,235.00 for 3am licensed times \$21,499.00 for 4am licensed times \$23,763.00 for 5am licensed times	\$7,027.00 for standard licensed times \$15,236.00 for 1am licensed times \$17,581.00 for 2am licensed times \$19,927.00 for 3am licensed times \$22,272.00 for 4am licensed times \$24,618.00 for 5am licensed times
<b>4) for club licence:</b> (a) if total occupancy loading for premises ≤ 80 people		\$2,541.00 for standard licensed times \$4,240.00 for 1am licensed times \$4,240.00 for 2am licensed times \$5,652.00 for 3am licensed times	\$2,632.00 for standard licensed times \$4,392.00 for 1am licensed times \$4,392.00 for 2am licensed times \$5,855.00 for 3am licensed times

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	\$5,652.00 for 4am licensed times \$5,652.00 for 5am licensed times	\$5,855.00 for 4am licensed times \$5,855.00 for 5am licensed times
(b) if total occupancy loading for premises > 80 people but ≤ 150 people	\$3,390.00 for standard licensed times \$5,933.00 for 1am licensed times \$7,739.00 for 2am licensed times \$12,444.00 for 3am licensed times \$14,707.00 for 4am licensed times \$16,971.00 for 5am licensed times	\$3,512.00 for standard licensed times \$6,146.00 for 1am licensed times \$8,017.00 for 2am licensed times \$12,891.00 for 3am licensed times \$15,236.00 for 4am licensed times \$17,581.00 for 5am licensed times
(c) if total occupancy loading for premises > 150 people but ≤ 350 people	\$4,238.00 for standard licensed times \$11,312.00 for 1am licensed times \$13,576.00 for 2am licensed times \$15,840.00 for 3am licensed times \$18,105.00 for 4am licensed times \$20,247.00 for 5am licensed times	\$4,390.00 for standard licensed times \$11,719.00 for 1am licensed times \$14,064.00 for 2am licensed times \$16,410.00 for 3am licensed times \$18,756.00 for 4am licensed times \$20,975.00 for 5am licensed times
(d) if total occupancy loading for premises > 350 people	\$5,086.00 for standard licensed times \$14,707.00 for 1am licensed times \$16,971.00 for 2am licensed times \$19,235.00 for 3am licensed times \$21,499.00 for 4am licensed times \$23,763.00 for 5am licensed times	\$5,269.00 for standard licensed times \$15,236.00 for 1am licensed times \$17,581.00 for 2am licensed times \$19,927.00 for 3am licensed times \$22,272.00 for 4am licensed times \$24,618.00 for 5am licensed times
<b>5) for off licence:</b>		
(a) if gross liquor purchase value for reporting period ≤ \$5,000	\$748.00 for standard licensed times	\$774.00 for standard licensed times
(b) if gross liquor purchase value for reporting period > \$5,000 but ≤ \$100,000	\$2,551.00 for standard licensed times	\$2,642.00 for standard licensed times
(c) if gross liquor purchase value for reporting period > \$100,000 but ≤ \$500,000	\$5,519.00 for standard licensed times	\$5,717.00 for standard licensed times
(d) if gross liquor purchase value for reporting period > \$500,000 but ≤ \$1,000,000	\$8,537.00 for standard licensed times	\$8,844.00 for standard licensed times
(e) if gross liquor purchase value for reporting period > \$1,000,000 but ≤ \$3,000,000	\$14,573.00 for standard licensed times	\$15,097.00 for standard licensed times
(f) if gross liquor purchase value for reporting period > \$3,000,000 but ≤ \$4,000,000	\$26,647.00 for early licensed times \$27,982.00 for standard licensed times	\$27,606.00 for early licensed times \$28,989.00 for standard licensed times
(g) if gross liquor purchase value for reporting period > \$4,000,000 but ≤ \$5,000,000	\$26,647.00 for early licensed times \$29,312.00 for standard licensed times	\$27,606.00 for early licensed times \$30,367.00 for standard licensed times
(h) if gross liquor purchase value for reporting period > \$5,000,000 but ≤ \$6,000,000	\$26,647.00 for early licensed times \$30,646.00 for standard licensed times	\$27,606.00 for early licensed times \$31,749.00 for standard licensed times

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(i) if gross liquor purchase value for reporting period > \$6,000,000 but ≤ \$7,000,000	\$26,647.00 for early licensed times \$31,979.00 for standard licensed times	\$27,606.00 for early licensed times \$33,130.00 for standard licensed times
(j) if gross liquor purchase value for reporting period > \$7,000,000	\$38,721.00 for early licensed times \$46,466.00 for standard licensed times	\$40,114.00 for early licensed times \$48,138.00 for standard licensed times
		(GST is not applicable to any fees for Item 501)

*Early licensed times—see the Liquor Regulation 2010, section 32.*  
*Standard licensed times—see the Liquor Regulation 2010, section 32.*  
*1am licensed times—see the Liquor Regulation 2010, section 32.*  
*2am licensed times—see the Liquor Regulation 2010, section 32.*  
*3am licensed times—see the Liquor Regulation 2010, section 32.*  
*4am licensed times—see the Liquor Regulation 2010, section 32.*  
*5am licensed times—see the Liquor Regulation 2010, section 32.*  
*Total occupancy loading, for licensed premises—see the Liquor Regulation 2010, dictionary.*  
*Reporting period—see the Liquor Regulation 2010, schedule 1, section 1.19 (3).*

### HOURLY FEES

502	Fee payable per hour for the preparation of occupancy loading recommendation under section 86 of <i>Liquor Act 2010</i> .	\$288.00	\$298.00 (GST is not applicable)
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### OTHER FEES

503	Fee for an application to amend licence under section 38 of the <i>Liquor Act 2010</i> . <i>Explanatory note: The fee for amendment of a licence, means the annual fee for the licence as amended.</i>  Fee for amendment of licence under section 38 of the <i>Liquor Act 2010</i> . new fee > old fee <i>Explanatory note: Remaining period for amendment of a licence, means the number of months (whole or part) until the earlier of the following:</i> <i>(a) the day the next annual fee is due for the licence as amended.</i> <i>(b) the day the licence as amended is to expire.</i>	\$152.00   Fee difference	\$157.00 (all cases) (GST is not applicable)   Fee difference (GST is not applicable)
504	Fee for an application to amend floor plan under section 39 of the <i>Liquor Act 2010</i> .	\$304.00	\$314.00 (GST is not applicable)
505	Fee for an application to transfer licence under section 40 of the <i>Liquor Act 2010</i> .	\$2,133.00	\$2,209.00 (GST is not applicable)

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506	Fee for an application to issue replacement licence under section 44 of the <i>Liquor Act 2010</i> .	\$31.00	\$32.00 (GST is not applicable)
507	Fee for an application for permit under section 50 of the <i>Liquor Act 2010</i> . <b>1) for commercial permit: (all cases)</b> (a) if liquor retail value stated in permit $\leq$ \$2,000  (b) liquor retail value stated in permit $>$ \$2,000 but $\leq$ \$5,000  (c) if liquor retail value stated in permit $>$ \$5,000 but $\leq$ \$10,000  (d) if liquor retail value stated in permit $>$ \$10,000 but $\leq$ \$50,000  (e) if liquor retail value stated in permit $>$ \$50,000 but $\leq$ \$100,000  (f) if liquor retail value stated in permit $>$ \$100,000 but $\leq$ \$500,000  (g) if liquor retail value stated in permit $>$ \$500,000 but $\leq$ \$1,000,000  (h) if liquor retail value stated in permit $>$ \$1,000,000 but $\leq$ \$3,000,000  (i) if liquor retail value stated in permit $>$ \$3,000,000  <b>2) for non-commercial permit: (all cases)</b> (a) if liquor retail value stated in permit $\leq$ \$2,070  (b) if liquor retail value stated in permit $>$ \$2,070	\$145.00  \$598.00  \$899.00  \$1,201.00  \$1,503.00  \$4,521.00  \$7,541.00  \$13,576.00  \$25,648.00  \$55.00  \$203.00	\$150.00  \$619.00  \$931.00  \$1,244.00  \$1,557.00  \$4,683.00  \$7,812.00  \$14,064.00  \$26,571.00  \$56.00  \$210.00 (GST is not applicable to any fees for Item 507)
508	Fee for an application to amend permit under section 58 of the <i>Liquor Act 2010</i> .	\$151.00	\$156.00 (all cases) (GST is not applicable)
509	Fee for an application to renew non-commercial permit under section 61 of the <i>Liquor Act 2010</i> . (a) if liquor retail value stated in permit $\leq$ \$2,070 (b) if liquor retail value stated in permit $>$ \$2,070	\$55.00 \$203.00	\$56.00 \$210.00 (GST is not applicable to any fees for Item 509)
510	Fee for the issue of replacement permit under section 63 of the <i>Liquor Act 2010</i> .	\$31.00	\$32.00 (all cases) (GST is not applicable)
511	Fee for an application to amend approved risk assessment management plan under section 91 of the <i>Liquor Act 2010</i> .	\$304.00	\$314.00 (all cases) (GST is not applicable)
512	Fee for an application for young people's event approval under section 95 of the <i>Liquor Act 2010</i> .	\$151.00	\$156.00 (all cases) (GST is not applicable)
513	Fee for an application for RSA training course approval under section 189 of the <i>Liquor Act 2010</i> .	\$1,548.00	\$1,603.00 (all cases) (GST is not applicable)



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514	Fee for the renewal of RSA training course approval under section 192 of the <i>Liquor Act 2010</i> .	\$852.00	\$882.00 (all cases) (GST is not applicable)
515	Fee for an application for proof of identity card under section 210 of the <i>Liquor Act 2010</i> .	\$8.00	\$8.00 (all cases) (GST is not applicable)