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If your business is one of the following, then staff visa sponsorship may no longer apply:

- fast food or takeaway food service
- fast casual restaurant
- drinking venue that offers only a limited food service
- limited service cafe (eg coffee shop or mall cafe)
- limited service pizza restaurant

Also, cooks and restaurant managers are now treated differently.

There are other features of the Federal Government's changes to the 457 visa programme that you may need to know for your ongoing business and staffing arrangements.

Click [here](#) for a summary of key information, or contact us for specific advice.

REMINDER



Too often licences and permits are suspended and even cancelled simply because departmental fees have not been paid. Licensees are reminded that it is your responsibility to pay the renewal fees. You should properly diarise due dates. Do not rely on reminder notices from the licensing authority.

26, 27 & 28 May 2017

PERTH INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

A vibrant and exciting Jazz Festival held in Perth and York



presented by Brookfield

We are very proud to be a sponsor of and to assist with the Perth International Jazz Festival again which will be held at various venues around Perth and York later this month. Tickets can be purchased on the website by clicking [here](#).

Liquor Commission approves ALDI Harrisdale, overturning Director's decision



On 22 February 2017 the Liquor Commission heard ALDI's application for review of the refusal by the Director of Liquor Licensing to grant ALDI a liquor store licence at its Harrisdale site.

The Commission handed down its decision at the end of the hearing, but only published its reasons for the decision at the end of April 2017, as follows:

"Having considered all of the evidence relevant to this matter, the Applicant has discharged its onus prescribed by section 38(2) of the Act and the Commission is prepared to grant the application for the conditional grant of a liquor store licence for the following reasons:

- The locality is predominantly comprised of new and developing suburbs, being Harrisdale and Piara Waters;*
- There has been significant population growth within the locality;*
- The Applicant is an experienced operator;*
- The Applicant is a responsible operator;*
- The application relates to a very small floor space within a much larger supermarket;*
- The range of products proposed to be sold is relatively small;*
- There is a significant diversity between the products sold by ALDI and the BWS store that will operate in the same supermarket complex;*
- The granting of the licence will result in the convenience of one-stop shopping for those who purchase items from the ALDI store;*
- The survey results detailed in the Patterson Report show that 73% of respondents who purchase takeaway liquor indicated that if they were shopping in an ALDI store, they would also buy their packaged liquor needs in the liquor section;*
- The location of the licensed area is such that it will be separated from the rest of the supermarket, thus avoiding concerns of normalising liquor;*
- The granting of the licence will promote competition;*
- There are no harm or ill-health factors of such significance in the locality that would indicate that it is not in the public interest to grant the application;*
- The granting of an application that relates to 24 square metres of floor space will not result in the proliferation of liquor stores or liquor itself in the locality."*

The full decision can be read [here](#).

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Our summary and comparison of 2015/2016 overnight visitor numbers to Western Australia based on information published by Tourism WA

Region	YE December 2015			YE December 2016			% increase		
	Domestic* Visitors	International Visitors	Total Visitors	Domestic Visitors	International Visitors	Total Visitors	Domestic Visitors	International Visitors	Total Visitors
Experience Perth	3,553,000	800,900	4,353,900	3,950,000	904,700	4,854,700	11.2%	12.9%	11.5%
South West	2,409,000	159,400	2,568,400	2,888,000	183,600	3,071,600	19.9%	15.2%	19.6%
North West	1,298,000	76,600	1,374,600	1,234,000	72,400	1,306,400	-4.9% (decrease)	-5.5% (decrease)	-5.0% (decrease)
Coral Coast	786,000	70,300	856,300	1,088,000	89,000	1,177,000	38.4%	26.6%	37.5%
Golden Outback	839,000	46,500	885,500	1,117,000	57,900	1,174,900	33.1%	24.5%	32.7%

(*domestic visitors includes intra and interstate)

The Coral Coast region comprising Exmouth, Coral Bay, Carnarvon, Shark Bay, Monkey Mia, Kalbarri, Geraldton, Dongara-Port Denison, Jurien Bay and Cervantes is the standout performer in the State. The reasons for the success of this region are unknown. The Indian Ocean Road extension between Lancelin and Jurien Bay completed in 2010 could well be a factor.

Alcohol Advertising Review Board strikes again...this time against Tiger Beer

The advertisement, at the Fremantle Train Station, included the text "Tiger" and the letter "T" was an image of a bottle of Tiger beer. Text along the bottom of the advertisement stated "WHEN SPICE STRIKES, REACH FOR A BEER WITH BITE" and "UNCAGE".

A complaint by a member of the public was upheld and the Board determined that "the advertisement contravened section (7) of the Placement Code, on the basis that the advertisement was placed at a train station where children and young people would have seen it".



Connection Corner

Are you interested in buying a liquor or hospitality business?

We could potentially help by introducing you to our clients who are interested in selling. We currently know of various licensed venues available as well as sites for potential new licences.

Special events and functions held on licensed premises – when are approvals required?

It can be easy to think that if a venue is already licensed, it does not need any new, different or special approvals for an event or function to be held there.

Not necessarily true.

Depending on the specifics of the event or function, particular approvals may be required from the local government authority and also the licensing authority.

Factors that will be relevant include the times when the event or function will be held, the type of attendees, the nature of the event or function, how the venue will be used and the type of entertainment.



OUR TEAM

Your business is an important contributor to the Western Australian community and to WA's growing liquor, hospitality, events, tourism and related industries.

Are you getting the most out of your business? Are you fulfilling all of your ideas and enjoying business success?

If you have an idea for a new business, we would love to help you develop it.

We encourage you to obtain modern business solutions from us and receive the benefits of a life long working relationship to help maximise your business potential. Any expenditure with us is an investment in your business and its future.

We enjoy visiting our clients' places of business and will be happy to visit yours.



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