

Liquor Sampling

Exhibitions or events that have a food and liquor component must ensure that the consumption of liquor during these events is in compliance with the Queensland Liquor Act 1992, Queensland Liquor regulations, BCEC's liquor license and Responsible Service of Alcohol Policy.

All alcoholic beverage tastings that are held at BCEC must be approved by the F&B Director or the F&B Manager.

All policies of the Centre are based on strict adherence to relevant industry legislation and strive to provide and promote the responsible service of alcohol to protect the health, safety and general wellbeing of visitors, guests and employees.

Prior to an event:

Event organisers must provide to the BCEC Food & Beverage Department a minimum of 35 days prior to the commencement of the Exhibition:

- A list of all proposed exhibitors and a plan of the exhibition layout showing the location of each exhibitor.
- A copy of each exhibitor's current Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate issued in Queensland or another state or territory.
- A copy of each exhibitor's current liquor or wine license issued in Queensland or another Australian state or territory.

NOTE: Approval only applies where the exhibition includes the sale or supply of food and liquor and the size of the liquor exhibition area does not exceed the size of the food exhibition area for the event (*Qld Liquor Act, Special Facility Licence 80986, Addendum 7, clause 8*).

If any Exhibitor does not meet the above criteria, they are not legally permitted to sell or sample liquor at the BCEC.

Exhibitors, whose core business is not in the food or wine industries, are not legally permitted to sell or sample liquor at the BCEC. No third party supplier can be used.

During an event:

- Current liquor or wine license must be displayed at all times on the exhibitor's stand.
- Current RSA certificates of those supplying liquor must be displayed on the exhibitor's stand.
- Sampling should be confined to the boundaries of an exhibitor's booth space.
- Exhibitors are not permitted to sell liquor for consumption on BCEC licensed premises.
- Under the Liquor Act, BCEC has the responsibility of ensuring compliance with the Act. Any interpretation will remain with the BCEC until written confirmation can be obtained from the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing in the event of a dispute.

Please note that:

- Exhibitors should be self-sufficient on stand
- Maximum sample sizes are:
 - Beer 50mls
 - Wine 30mls
 - Spirits 10mls
- Sampling must be served in disposable packaging, consumed and disposed of at the point of sample i.e. on stand only
- A sample must be free of charge

Any questions in regard to organisers or exhibitors wishing to sample, supply or sell liquor should be directed to F&B Management.