

WEST LOTHIAN LICENSING BOARD FESTIVE POLICY 2017/19

The Board generally deems it permissible for on sales premises in West Lothian to trade for an additional hour on specific festive dates. However, the Board also recognises that there are some premises in West Lothian which already enjoy the benefit of licensed terminal hours later than those permitted under sections 9.5 and 9.6 of the Board's policy.

The Board makes the following general extension of on sales licensed hours under section 67 of the 2005 Act, for the festive period 2017/19, for all on sales premises in West Lothian:

Nightclubs

The terminal hour for the sale of alcohol to be consumed on the premises within all nightclub premises is extended until a maximum of 4am on the following dates:

- 15,16, 22-26, 29-31 December 2017 and 1,2 January 2018
- 14-15, 21-22, 24- 26, 28-31 December 2018 and 1,2 January 2019

Note: if a premises is already licensed until 4am no additional hours are being granted under the terms of this general extension.

Premises other than nightclubs

The terminal hour for the sale of alcohol to be consumed on the premises at all premises (other than nightclubs) is extended until a maximum of 2am on the following dates:

- 15,16, 22-26, 29-31 December 2017 and 1,2 January 2018
- 14-15, 21-23, 24- 26, 28-31 December 2018 and 1,2 January 2019

Note: if a premises is already licensed until 2am no additional hours are being granted under the terms of this general extension.

Licence holders are reminded that they should refer to section 9.6 of the Board's policy which explains what premises fall within the category of a nightclub. All on sales premises which do not fall within this category are premises other than nightclubs.

Licence holders who are in any doubt as to their position should take legal advice before advertising or trading during any additional hours on the above festive dates.

Licence holders should note that there is no duty to trade during the extended hours and the Board does not consider that it is necessary to have opted to operate according to seasonal demand in its operating plan before taking advantage of this general extension of hours.

For the avoidance of doubt this general extension does not apply to off sales hours which the law provides are a maximum of 10am to 10pm daily.