

Allowing liquor off-sales and delivery from licensed restaurants

Overview

A Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation amendment allows licensed restaurants and bars to sell liquor as part of their take-out and delivery services. This is a new provision being added to the regulation.

This will help restaurants and bars stay open and keep staff employed during this time as we practice social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It will also provide additional options to Albertans who are self-isolating and choose to use delivery services.

Age verification

Delivery people are responsible for ensuring liquor is not delivered to a minor.

They are required to check identification if the recipient appears to be under 25 years of age.

Social responsibility

Drivers are required to have ProServe and abide by ProServe requirements.

Licensed delivery services have existed in Alberta for several decades.

They provide a valuable service for folks who are mobility challenged or have already consumed liquor and don't want or shouldn't drive.

Restrictions

A delivery person must refuse delivery if the person receiving appears intoxicated.

Drive-thru

Liquor can't be delivered by drive-thru.

Mixed drinks

Mixed drinks can't be provided – liquor must be delivered in a sealed, commercial container as supplied by the liquor supplier or agency.

For draught beer, the cap design of the container (for example, growlers or crowlers) should demonstrate the container has not been opened during transportation.

This policy is currently in effect at liquor stores.

Enforcement

AGLC will manage enforcement.

If restaurants and bars have questions about the changes, contact:

AGLC Hotline: 1-800-561-4415

Email: Liquor.Licensing@aglc.ca

Delivery or take-out

Alcohol can be sold through take-out or delivery from licensed establishments without the purchase of food.