

Sydney CBD Entertainment precinct

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This is a defined area in the Sydney CBD where licenced premises face special trading rules designed to make venues, neighbourhoods and transport safer.

Location

The Sydney CBD Entertainment precinct stretches from:

- Parts of Surry Hills, Haymarket and Darlinghurst to The Rocks
- From Kings Cross to Cockle Bay.

View a map of the Sydney CBD Entertainment precinct (PDF, 4.5MB).

This area has more than 1,300 licensed venues with particular licensing conditions, such as 1.30am lockouts, 3am last drinks and no glass containers during late trading hours.

Special conditions

We explain all the conditions that apply to different types of licensed premises in the Special licence conditions for premises in the Sydney CBD fact sheet (PDF, 1.5MB).

This fact sheet covers:

- a map of the Sydney CBD Entertainment precinct
- conditions that apply to all licensed premises
- additional licence conditions that apply to venues
- conditions that apply to licensed vessels, such as party boats
- exemption from some conditions
- penalties for not complying with the special conditions.

Sydney CBD Entertainment Precinct Plan of Management

All licenced premises in the Sydney CBD precinct must comply with the Plan of Management for the Sydney CBD Entertainment Precinct (PDF, 1.3MB).

This plan is the combined work of:

- L&GNSW
- Transport for NSW
- NSW Health
- the City of Sydney
- Sydney CBD liquor accords
- major venue and chain owners
- the Taxi Council.

The plan aims to:

- reduce alcohol-related violence and bad behaviour in licensed venues
- manage public spaces
- promote better transport options.

Some conditions in the plan apply to all licensed premises in the precinct. Others apply only to certain licence categories.

Get more information in the Special licence conditions for premises in the Sydney CBD - factsheet (PDF, 1.5MB).

Read the government's Plan of Management FAQ for more information.

Exemptions

Exemptions from New Year's Eve lock out

New Year's Eve is unique, so the 1.30am lock out on licensed venues across the Sydney CBD precinct does not apply. However, the 3am halt to alcohol service remains.

Exemptions from special conditions

You can get exemptions from special conditions in some circumstances.

Please use this Exemption from a precinct-related special licence condition form (PDF, 403 KB) if you want an exemption from a special condition.

View a list of the exemptions that have been granted to specified venues in the Sydney CBD entertainment precinct.

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