

Underage drinking fines

The following table contains a list of main underage drinking offences and shows the maximum penalty for each offence.

The payment of a penalty notice is not an admission of guilt and will not result in a criminal history. However, a court conviction under the liquor laws will form part of your criminal history.

It should be noted that where a venue sells alcohol to a minor, there is also the possibility that their licence will be suspended or cancelled.

Offences

Offence	Maximum penalty	Offence by
Sell alcohol to a minor	\$11,000 or 12 months imprisonment (or both)	Any person
Supply alcohol to a minor on licensed premises	\$11,000 or 12 months imprisonment (or both)	Any person
Supply alcohol to minor away from licensed premises that is not consistent with the responsible supervision of the minor	\$11,000 or 12 months imprisonment (or both)	Any person

Obtain alcohol for a minor from licensed premises	\$11,000 or 12 months imprisonment (or both)	Any person
Allow alcohol to be sold or supplied to a minor on licensed premises	\$11,000 or 12 months imprisonment (or both)	Licensee or Approved Manager
Consume alcohol on licensed premises	\$2,200	Minor
Consume alcohol in unlicensed restaurant without permission of, or in company of, parent or guardian	\$2,200	Minor
Obtain, or attempt to obtain, alcohol for consumption on licensed premises	\$2,200	Minor
Carry away alcohol, or attempt to carry away alcohol from licensed premises	\$2,200	Minor
Send or order a minor to licensed premises to obtain alcohol	\$3,300	Any person
Allow minor to sell or supply alcohol on licensed premises		

(without the approval of the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority)	\$5,000	Licensee or Approved Manager
Responsible adult allows minor to consume alcohol on licensed premises (where minor is required to be accompanied by a responsible adult)	\$3,300	Responsible Adult
Minor enters or remains in a small bar when liquor is sold and supplied	\$2,200 \$5,500	Minor Licensee or Approved Manager
Minor enters or remains in a bar area of a hotel or a registered club	\$2,200 \$5,500	Minor Licensee
Minor enters or remains in part of a hotel without responsible adult where (where minor is required to be accompanied by a responsible adult)	\$2,200 \$5,500	Minor Licensee or Approved Manager
Minor enters or remains in licensed public entertainment venue without responsible adult,	\$2,200	Minor

unless minors functions authority is in force	\$5,500	Licensee or Approved Manager
Responsible adult leaves minor unaccompanied on licensed premises (where minor is required to be accompanied by a responsible adult)	\$3,300	Responsible Adult
Failure to refuse entry of suspected minor to small bar, hotel, registered club or licensed public entertainment venue	\$5,500	Licensee or Staff
Refuse to give name and address or age when requested by an authorised person	\$2,200	Minor
Use false ID	\$2,200	Minor
Allow liquor to be sold/supplied to a minor on licensed premises	\$11,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment	Licensee

Notes to table

(1) A responsible adult is defined as:

- a parent, step-parent or guardian of the minor
- the minor's spouse or de facto
- someone standing in as the parent of the minor.

(2) An authorised person is a licensee, their staff or security, a police officer or an inspector.

On-the-spot Fines

On-the-spot fines can be issued for offences under the Liquor Act and are generally 10% of the maximum court penalty for the offence.

Summary Offences Act Offences

Possession or consumption of alcohol by minors in public places is covered by the *Summary Offences Act 1988*.

It is an offence for a minor to possess or consume alcohol in a public place unless the minor is under the supervision of a responsible adult or had a reasonable excuse for possessing or consuming the alcohol. A maximum penalty of \$20 applies to this offence.

Escalating sanctions

From 15 December 2014, an escalating sanctions regime applies significant penalties for selling alcohol to minors. For example, on a third offence which occurs within 12 months of (but at least 28 days after) the second offence the venue's liquor licence is automatically cancelled and the holder is disqualified from holding a liquor licence for 12 months.

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