

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 Statement of Festive Policy for 2025

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Section One: Application of Festive Policy

In accordance with part 8.8 of its [Policy Statement](#), each year the City of Glasgow Licensing Board ("Licensing Board") issues a statement on its policy for extensions to licensed hours in relation to the festive period ("Licensing Board's Festive Policy" or "Policy"). At the discretion of the Licensing Board this Policy may include recognised public holidays and events of national significance.

Where part 4 of the operating plan attached to a current premises licence makes reference to the Licensing Board's Festive Policy, then any relevant extensions to licensed hours referred to in this Policy will apply automatically without the need for an extended hours application to be submitted, subject to the Specific Exclusions mentioned at Section Two.

If the operating plan attached to a current premises licence does not include reference to the Licensing Board's Festive Policy then the extension **does not** automatically apply. Should the licence holder wish to benefit from the additional licensed hours then an application for extended hours must be lodged to the Licensing Board no later than **4 weeks** prior to the first date on which extended licensed hours are sought. Each such application will be considered by the Licensing Board, on its merits.

Section Two: Specific Exclusions

The additional licensed hours automatically granted under this Policy shall not apply to any licensed premises operating as a casino with a terminal licensed hour of 6am.

Section Three: Public Holidays

Part A: On-Sales Premises

In accordance with part 8 of its [Policy Statement](#), the Licensing Board has determined to grant **one additional licensed hour beyond the terminal hour** to all licensed premises with an on-sales facility having seasonal variations within their operating plan during each of the following Saturday evenings into the early hours of Sunday mornings on the weekend of the following recognised public holidays, subject to the Specific Exclusions mentioned at Section Two:-

- **The evening of Saturday 19 April into the early hours of Sunday 20 April 2025**
- **The evening of Saturday 3 May into the early hours of Sunday 4 May 2025**
- **The evening of Saturday 24 May into the early hours of Sunday 25 May 2025**
- **The evening of Saturday 19 July into the early hours of Sunday 20 July 2025**
- **The evening of Saturday 27 September into the early hours of Sunday 28 September 2025.**

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Part B: Late Night Entertainment Premises

In accordance with part 8 of its [Policy Statement](#), the Licensing Board has determined to grant **one additional licensed hour beyond the terminal hour** to all late night entertainment venues with a terminal licensed hour of 3am or 4am in the city centre and 2am or 3am out with the city centre having seasonal variations in their operating plan on each of the following Sunday evenings into the early hours of Monday mornings on the weekend of the following recognised public holidays, subject to the Specific Exclusions mentioned at Section Two:-

- **The evening of Sunday 20 April into the early hours of Monday 21 April 2025**
- **The evening of Sunday 4 May into the early hours of Monday 5 May 2025**
- **The evening of Sunday 25 May into the early hours of Monday 26 May 2025**
- **The evening of Sunday 20 July into the early hours of Monday 21 July 2025**
- **The evening of Sunday 28 September into the early hours of Monday 29 September 2025**

Section Four: Festive Period

Part A: Festive Period

For the purposes of this Policy the festive period is to be taken as:

- **Saturday 22 November 2025 to Saturday 3 January 2026**

Part B: Licensed Premises within the City Centre

In accordance with part 8 of its [Policy Statement](#), the Licensing Board has determined to grant the following extension to all licensed premises with an on-sales facility having seasonal variations within their operating plan and being located within the city centre, subject to the Specific Exclusions mentioned at Section Two:-

- **Mondays to Sundays: one additional hour beyond the terminal hour for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises in relation to licensed hours commencing during the Festive Period**

Part C: Licensed Premises outwith the City Centre

In accordance with part 8 of its [Policy Statement](#), the Licensing Board has determined to grant the following extension to all licensed premises with an on-sales facility having seasonal variations within their operating plan and being located out with the city centre, subject to the Specific Exclusions mentioned at Section Two:-

- **Fridays and Saturdays during the Festive Period, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Hogmanay and New Year's Day: one additional hour beyond the terminal hour for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises in relation to licensed hours commencing on each of those days.**

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Part D: Members Clubs

The above policy on festive hours set out in parts B and C of Section Four **does not** apply to Member's Clubs.

Members Clubs which have confirmed on their application for a Premises Licence that the Club's Constitution and Rules conform to the requirements of Regulation 2 of the Licensing (Clubs) (Scotland) Regulations 2007, will be permitted extended hours up to 3.00am on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Section Five: Operation of Premises beyond Midnight

Where licensed premises are open after 12 Midnight by virtue of an extension provided under Section Three or Section Four of this Policy, such premises will be expected to comply with the Licensing Board's policy relative to the use of toughened glass, any other recognised safety products in licensed premises as set out in part 10 of its [Policy Statement](#) any other conditions attached to the operation of the licensed premises.

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