



East Arnhem Alcohol Permit System

East Arnhem Liquor Permits

From 1 March 2008 you will require a Liquor Permit in order to buy, possess and drink takeaway alcohol within the East Arnhem Region, including the township of Nhulunbuy.

The Permit will contain a number of restrictions, including a ban on drinking in many public places within Nhulunbuy and the East Arnhem area.

Permits are required as a result of the Licensing Commission decision to declare the East Arnhem Region as a General Restricted Area under the Northern Territory *Liquor Act*.

The declaration of the General Restricted Area was on application by the East Arnhem Harmony Mayawa Mala Inc group.

It is one of a number of initiatives proposed to address the serious alcohol related issues within the region.

Who Can Apply for a Liquor Permit?

You can apply for a permit if you are:

- over the age of 18 years old; and
- a resident of Nhulunbuy;
- a bona-fide visitor or tourist to the area and have recognised accommodation; or
- a resident of an Indigenous community within the General Restricted Area that allows their residents to have a permit. Currently, these communities are Ski Beach and Yirrkala.

Proof of Residency

Permanent Residents

To obtain a permit, permanent residents will need to provide:

- a Northern Territory Driver's Licence;
- an 18+ Proof of Age Card;
- an Australian Passport or Australian Defence Force Photo ID card and a current electricity or phone bill to show proof of your address.

If you do not have photo ID, you can apply for a permit by showing a phone, electricity or other bill in your name, or a letter from your Local Government Community Council or Community Association confirming your address and:

- a Medicare card;
- a Centrelink Healthcare Card; or
- an Arnhem Club Card.

Temporary Visitors

Tourists or visitors will need to provide:

- an itinerary, invoice or other information confirming your travel arrangements; and
- Photo Identification such as Northern Territory, Interstate or International Driver's Licence or Passport

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Homelands Residents

At the request of the Councils, Traditional Owners and Senior Elders belonging to Gumatj & Laynhapuy Homelands, residents of these regions will not be eligible to apply for a Liquor Permit.

Residents of Yirrkala, Ski Beach and Galupa

Before you can apply for a permit, residents of these communities need the approval of:

- the Local Government Council;
- the local Permits Committee; and
- the Senior Sergeant, Nhulunbuy Police.

To obtain a permit, you will need to show the approved application form and:

- a Northern Territory Driver's Licence;
- an 18+ Proof of Age Card;
- an Australian Passport or Australian Defence Force Photo ID card and a current electricity or phone bill;
- a Medicare card;
- a Centrelink Healthcare card; or
- an Arnhem Club card.

People from the Homelands, but now residents of these communities will need to show they have been a resident there for at least three (3) months or have obtained permanent employment.

Liquor Permits Committee

The Licensing Commission has the power to say who and who cannot have a permit. The Permits Committees provide advice to the Licensing Commission on permit applications and are made up of stakeholders within the region. Permits Committees cannot only recommend that an application is approved or rejected, they can also recommend conditions about how much and the type of alcohol you can purchase.

The Permits Committees will have representatives from a number of Government departments, Northern Territory Police, local licensees and Local Government Community Councils and Community Associations.

Non Permit Holders

You do not need a permit to consume alcohol in any of the East Arnhem licensed premises.

You will need a permit to buy or drink takeaway alcohol within the East Arnhem region.

Where do I Lodge my Liquor Permit Application?

Application forms can be lodged at:

1. **Nhulunbuy Courthouse**
Endeavour Square, Nhulunbuy
2. **Licensing & Regulation**
Level 1, 28 – 30 Knuckey Street, Darwin

For further information please contact:

Community & Justice Policy
Department of Justice
Nhulunbuy Regional Justice Project
and Coordination Officer
Ph: 8987 0409

Licensing & Regulation
Department of Justice
Darwin Licensing Inspector
Ph: 8999 1800

Nhulunbuy Courthouse
Registrar
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