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1. START-UP & ONGOING REQUIREMENTS

START-UP	ONGOING	COMMENT
Apply for a Customs-controll area excise licence	led Pay excise duty	Amount and frequency will vary
Apply for an alcohol sale lice	nce Renew as required	Depends on licence type

2. EXCISE LICENCE

Commercial distillation has to be licensed by Customs, as excisable items such as ethanol blends are made. Excise is a duty imposed on domestically manufactured tobacco, fuel and alcohol. The content of this section is taken from the NZ Customs Service and the Te Hiringa Hauora/Health Promotion Agency websites.

If you make, sell or give away excisable items such as alcohol, fuel and tobacco products in New Zealand, excise duty will be charged on those products when the finished product is removed from the Customs-controlled area (CCA). The area where those products are made and stored or sold must also be licenced as a CCA or Licensed Manufacturing Area which is a type of CCA. Tobacco, alcohol and fuel made and sold in NZ are excisable items and they have excise duty levied on them. There is an exemption from paying duty for home distillers for their own consumption, but duty needs to be paid for commercial production of alcohol.

The rates of excise are specified in Part A of the Excise and Excise-equivalent Duties Table items 99.10 to 99.50 for alcohol for consumption or in items 99.75 for alcohol used in fuel blends. This Table lists all goods subject to the excise regime and specifies the duty rates and unit measure applicable to each item. For example, the current (early 2022) excise payment for brandy, whisk(e)y, gin, vodka and rum is \$56.625 per litre of pure alcohol. The duty rates change each July.

Initially new manufacturers are required to pay excise duty on a monthly basis. For example, if product leaves the CCA in February the excise duty has to be declared to Customs by the 15th working day of the following month (March) and the amount owing paid by the last working day of March. Penalties apply if this is not done correctly or within the prescribed time.

"NZ CUSTOMS HAVE A ZERO-TOLERANCE APPROACH TO THESE DECLARATIONS, THE FIRST LATE SUBMISSION WILL ATTRACT A VERY FIRM WARNING, AFTER THAT THEY RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE CCA", DSA COMMENT

Once a manufacturer has been operating without issues for at least one year the payment period may be reviewed and changed to payment on a six-monthly or annual basis depending on the total annual duty liability, or it can remain monthly.

Customs has a team of auditors specially designated to Audit Excise clients to ensure the correct duty is being returned.

If you make alcohol and need to store it in another location, you must apply for an off-site storage licence. The off-site storage area can be in a different geographical area.

2.1. APPLYING FOR A CCA LICENCE

The owner, occupier or person working in the area must:

- · Complete Form C11 Application for Customs-controlled Area Licence
- Complete Form C12 Declaration in support of a Customs-controlled Area Licence application
- · Complete NZCS 228 Trade Single Window supplementary form
- Include a diagram of the area's layout (the diagram must be to a professional standard, e.g. architectural plans used for local body or resource management applications)
- · Provide photo identification for each company director/partner/trustee
- · Provide a copy of your company's certificate of incorporation
- Provide a supporting letter from a person of responsibility in your company, saying why you're applying, what you're going to make, any previous experience in making that product, and what your business plan is.

2.2. ALCOHOL EXCISE PLANS

Alcohol Excise Plans (AEP) set out the terms, conditions or restrictions of your licence to manufacture alcohol products under the Customs and Excise Act.

For more information see the CCA Licence Holder Guide for a Licensed Manufacturing Area for Alcohol Products on the customs.govt.nz site.

3. SALE AND SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL ACT 2012

The Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 covers the safe and responsible sale, supply, and consumption of alcohol and the minimisation of harm caused by its excessive or inappropriate use. It replaced the Sale of Liquor Act 1989. The Act allows for controls on:

- · Alcohol access to young people
- · Community say
- · Promoting alcohol
- · Trading hours
- · Where alcohol can be sold
- · How licences are issued
- · Conditions on licences
- · Fees and penalties
- · On-licences and club licensees must provide:
 - free drinking water
 - non-alcoholic drinks
 - low-alcohol drinks
 - food
 - help with information about transport.

4. ALCOHOL LICENSING

Sale of alcohol to the public requires the seller to have a licence. There are four types of licence:

- On-licence (e.g., pub, tavern, hotel, restaurant, cafe, bar, entertainment venue, train, plane) allows the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises.
- Off-licence (e.g., bottle store, supermarket) allows the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises.
- · Club licence (e.g., sports club, RSA, working men's club) allows the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the club premises to members of the club, their guests and members of other clubs with reciprocal visiting rights.
- Special licence (e.g., for a food and wine festival, wedding in a council hall etc) allows the sale or supply of alcohol to anyone attending an event, private function, street party, sporting event. Special licences can be either 'on-site' for consumption on the premises, or 'off-site' for consumption elsewhere.

An on-licence, off-licence, or club licence is granted initially for one year and then can be renewed every three years. Special licences are granted per event or for a series of events.

Several licensing bodies and regulatory agencies have a statutory role in ensuring licensed premises comply with the law.

Licensing bodies make decisions around matters to do with licensed premises and include:

- Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority (ARLA) which deals with most enforcement actions (e.g., if someone sells alcohol in breach of the Act or their licence) and also decides appeals against decisions of district licensing committees.
- District Licensing Committees (DLCs) which are administered by local councils and consider and decide on all applications for alcohol licences within their local areas. Contact details for all of the New Zealand Councils are presented in Appendix A.

Regulatory agencies have an important role in monitoring licensed premises to ensure they operate within the law and with regard to public health and safety. They carry out a range of investigations and reporting. They can also apply to have a licence suspended, varied or cancelled. These agencies are:

- Police
- Medical Officer of Health (MOH)
- · Licensing Inspector.

These three agencies are required to collaborate in monitoring licences and enforcing the Act as well as implementing strategies for reducing alcohol-related harm.

Fire and Emergency New Zealand is concerned with evacuation plans and general fire safety issues such as a venue's maximum occupancy.

5. ON-LINE ALCOHOL SALES

Any holder of an alcohol off-licence can sell alcohol remotely. A remote seller uses the internet, telephone, mail, or other means to sell and deliver to a person who is not at the remote seller's premises.

A section 40 remote seller refers to an off-licence holder who sells remotely and who has applied for and had their licence endorsed under section 40 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

General off-licence remote sellers are referred to as all other off-licence holders who sell remotely, in addition to selling on the premises (e.g. a winery, bottle store or supermarket). The term 'remote seller' refers to both groups.

5.1. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO REMOTE SALES OF ALCOHOL

- · Remote sales may be made at any time on any day.
- Delivery must not occur between 11pm and 6am or at any time on Good Friday or Christmas Day, or before 1pm on Anzac Day. However, you should check your licence conditions and the local alcohol policy in your area in case different delivery times are specified.
- Delivery must not occur on Easter Sunday unless it is grape wine or fruit or vegetable wine made on the premises or wine made from produce harvested from land on which the premises are situated (e.g., cellar door sells).
- All remote sellers must ensure that the licence holder's name, licence number and licence expiry date are displayed in a prominent place on any internet site or catalogue and on any receipt issued for a remote sale.
- A legible image of the remote seller's licence or a clearly identified link to such an image must be displayed on any internet site used to sell alcohol. This includes any additional website the licensee may be using to sell alcohol.
- All remote sellers must take reasonable steps to verify that both the buyer and the receiver of any alcohol sold are 18 years old or over. The regulations about verifying the buyer's age state that the actions outlined in the table below are reasonable procedures for complying with the Act.

INTERNET	TELEPHONE	MAIL ORDER
Ask the buyer to tick an on screen box declaring that they are of 18 years of age or over when they first enter the internet site.	Ask the buyer to declare orally that they are of 18 years of age or over when the conversation begins.	Ensure that the form requires the buyer to sign the form at a place or near its end.
Ask the buyer to tick an on screen box declaring that they are of 18 years of age or over immediately before the sale of any alcohol is completed.	Ask the buyer to declare orally that they are of 18 years of age or over immediately before the conversation is completed.	Have two requests on the form (tick boxes), to declare that they are of 18 years of age or over, one at the beginning and one immediately before the buyer is required to sign.

Care is required not to promote drinking or excessively discount alcohol.

6. FURTHER INFORMATION

Links to useful internet sites relating to this topic are attached as Appendix A.

ALCOHOL MANUFACTURE AND SALE LINKS

LINK TOPIC	LINK
Helpful info on Alcohol Rules including online sale of alcohol, licensing etc.	https://www.alcohol.org.nz/faq
Customs Controlled Area licences	https://www.customs.govt.nz/business/excise/apply-for-a-licence/
Lists Customs controlled areas and a list of all alcohol producers that are licenced.	https://www.customs.govt.nz/business/customs-controlled-areas/
Alcohol Licensing	https://www.alcohol.org.nz/alcohol-management-laws/licensing-local-policies/alcohol-licensing
Example of local government licensing requirement	https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/licences- regulations/business-licences/alcohol-licences-fines/ Pages/default.aspx

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Chatham Islands Council

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Christchurch City Council

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