

## Licenses for a Mobile Bar - Gauteng

Numerous entrepreneurs contact our office to enquire about a mobile liquor license. Some have even gone so far as to convert vehicles and trailers at high cost into a "Mobile Bar".

Liquor is a potentially dangerous substance and must be controlled by government. Therefore a set of rules are laid down in the Liquor Act and can be explained in broad terms as follows: The Liquor License rests on two pillars namely a **premises** and a **person** or a Legal entity with an appointed responsible person.

### **Premises.**

- The premises needs to be approved and the address needs to be advertised in the Government Gazette and local newspapers before a liquor license is granted. This is to prevent the issuing of Liquor Licenses on premises in contravention of the Land Use act.
- A floor plan of the premises needs to be submitted. If the Liquor License is issued and alterations or extensions to the premises are required, a separate application for the extensions must be made at the Liquor Board.
- No sale of Liquor may take place outside the area indicated on the floor plan of the premises.
- Proof of lawful occupation of the premises is required in the form of a lease contract or proof of ownership of the premises.

- **The Person.**

- The person can be a Legal entity such as a (Pty) Ltd or a natural person.
- The person must have a certificate from SARS confirming compliance and a SAPS certificate confirming that the applicant has no criminal record.
- The person needs to be at least 21 years old to apply.

- **Conclusion.**

If a Mobile Bar is required on different premises, a permanent Liquor License for a Mobile Bar **cannot** be issued because there is no permanent premises.

For a special event a Mobile Bar can apply for an occasional permit, but this is expensive. This permit is issued only for the one special event and a new application must be made for each and every event.

**For more information send us your e mail address and the nature of your query.**

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