
INFORMATION BULLETIN

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CHANGES AFFECTING BARS AND PUBS AT DOWNHILL SKI RESORT AREAS

VICTORIA - Effective today, all liquor-primary establishments (e.g. bars and pubs) at downhill ski resort areas are eligible to apply for an endorsement to permit minors, accompanied by a parent or guardian, in their establishments until 8:00pm.

Establishments in these areas are unique in that they exist to serve the skiing community. Unlike urban areas, these communities may have limited hospitality services. This policy will increase BC's ability to serve tourists and international visitors.

In 2001 the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch initiated a pilot allowing minors in liquor-primary establishments on ski hills where the establishment was owned by a ski-hill operator. The branch received no reports of negative consequences or complaints from the public, licensees or municipalities, so the change was made permanent in September 2003.

The restriction on ownership is now being lifted so that any ski-hill liquor-primary establishment may apply to permit minors on its premises, regardless of whether it is owned by a ski-hill operator.

Restrictions are in place to ensure that licensed establishments do not provide adult entertainment when minors are on the premises.

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