

## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM

**MEDIA ALERT** 

**Sunday: 28 July 2024** 

## THE DEPARTMENT EXTENDS CONVERSION PERIOD ON LIQUOR LICENCES TO 31ST DECEMBER 2024

The Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment, and Tourism extends the conversion period for Liquor Licenses from Liquor Act, 1989 (Act No. 27 of 1989) to Limpopo Liquor Act, 2009 (Act No. 5 of 2009). The extension date of the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 hereby supersedes that which was previously stated by Notice 440 of 2023.

To date, the Department can announce that over 50% of liquor licensees have made submission to the department for conversion of their historical licenses. Although such development is pleasing, the Department remains concerned about those licensees who have not forwarded their conversion submission, and as a result risks a high possibility of trading without a license or contravening regulations as stated within Limpopo Liquor Act No.5 of 2009.

Those who have submitted, the Department acknowledges your submission and is currently processing all received applications. All those who have made submission for conversion from the old license will receive confirmation messages as well as the new license certificates with new licensing conditions in the coming months.

The Department is sharply focused on supporting job creation opportunities within the Province. The liquor industry has proven to benefit local economies and provide sustainable livelihoods for various families across the province while at the same time employing local youth.

The Department lacks the desire to penalize local based businesses or enforce closure of businesses due to non-conversion of licenses. It is through the conversion extension that we remain hopeful that 100% of our liquor traders will remain operational post 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

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