



Fact Sheet: Live music events for AA audiences on licensed premises

From 1 July 2014, Licensees can hold non-alcohol All Ages live music events in licensed premises.

There is no application and no fee applicable for these events. However, the Licensee must submit a notice form to VCGLR at least seven business days prior to the live music event, agreeing to the 'prescribed conditions'.

Here is the notification form: http://assets.justice.vic.gov.au/vcglr/resources/1a14ad6f-de07-4010-bf80-89c2d0f5c72e/notificationformforapprovalofminorsonlicensedpremises_july2014.pdf

Live music events are events where 'sound is manipulated for artistic, cultural or religious purposes, and performed to an audience'.

The performance area in a part of the venue where the event is being held must not have alcohol supplied, consumed or made available and must be closed off to the rest of the venue. Minors must only be in that part of the premises and only for the times of the event.

The 'prescribed conditions' for the conduct of this kind of event are simple:

1. A phone must be available free of charge for the use of young people within the part of the venue where the live music event is held or in an area directly adjoining that area
2. The live music event must finish before 11pm
3. Young people under 12 must be accompanied by a 'responsible adult' who is a parent, guardian or similar
4. All advertisements for the event must include the start and finish times
5. A minimum of two Licensed Crowd Controllers are required at the event for the first 100 persons in attendance, then one additional Licensed Crowd Controller for every additional 100 persons attending. At least one of the Licensed Crowd Controllers must be female
6. There are no pass-outs; a person who leaves the performance area while the live music event is being held (except to go to the toilet or to use telephone facilities) cannot re-enter the performance area while the event is being held

Other kinds of youth events on licensed premises

As well as the All-Ages live music events, there are different types of youth events that have different application processes and conditions, for example Under 18 Events or non-music events.

Things get a bit complicated with these events, so here is the new Liquor Licensing fact sheet on youth events: <http://assets.justice.vic.gov.au/vcglr/resources/35779c13-f9b5-41ab-ae1d-fb9f074a1639/factsheet-minorsonlicensedpremises.pdf>

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