

Administrative Sanction Guideline Summary

Liquor Violations

- The following is a list of liquor violations that occur most frequently. If you require more information for a violation that is not included in the list, contact admin.sanctions@aglc.ca.
- Sanctions issued may vary from the guideline in mitigating or extreme circumstances**
- The prior disciplinary record for incidents that occurred within the past 3 years are considered with determining sanctions imposed.
- The actual wording of these and other violations can be referenced at aglc.ca:

GLA	Gaming and Liquor Act	LH	Licensee Handbook
GLR	Gaming and Liquor Regulation	RLSH	Retail Liquor Store Handbook
GMLSH	General Merchandise Liquor Store Handbook		

Violation	Contravention	Specifics of Violation	1 st Violation	2 nd Violation	3 rd Violation
Illegal Manufacture, Purchase, Possession, or Sale of Liquor					
1. Sell or give liquor while licence is suspended	s.69(1) GLA		Hearing	Hearing	Hearing
2. Permit consumption of liquor on licensed premise while licence is suspended	s.69(1) GLA		Hearing	Hearing	Hearing
Illegal Activities					
3. Permit any activity in the licensed premises which is contrary to any municipal bylaw or any Act or Regulation of Alberta or Canada	s. 69(1)(a) GLA s. 69(1)(d) GLA	Overcrowding, contravention of municipal bylaws, or any Act/Regulation	Warning	\$500 or 2 days	\$1,000 or 4 days
		Permit illegal drug activities by customers or staff	\$4,000 or 16 days	\$8,000 or 32 days	Hearing
		Conduct illegal drug activities by owners, directors/ shareholders	Suspension	Suspension	Suspension
Liquor Pricing Policies					
4. Sell or serve more than two standard size drinks to a patron at one time after 1:00 a.m.	s. 5.3.6 LH		\$750 or 3 days	\$1,500 or 6 days	\$3,000 or 12 days
5. Permit free liquor specials	s.5.2.8a) LH		\$2,000 or 8 days	\$4,000 or 16 days	\$8,000 or 32 days
6. Permit, multiple drinks, or all you can drink for a fixed cost promotion	s.5.2.8b) LH s.5.2.8 c) LH		\$500 or 2 days	\$1,000 or 4 days	\$2,000 or 8 days
Minors					
7. Sell, give, or permit a person to sell or give, liquor to a minor in licensed premises Note: A condition prohibiting minors may be included as part of the sanction for a third offence for any liquor licence.	s.75 GLA	1 – 2 minors receiving liquor	\$2,000 or 8 days	\$4,000 or 16 days	\$8,000 or 32 days
		3 or more minors receiving liquor	\$3,000 or 12 days	\$6,000 or 24 days	\$12,000 or 48 days
		Under 16: 1 – 2 minors receiving liquor	\$3,000 or 12 days	\$6,000 or 24 days	\$12,000 or 48 days
		Under 16: 3 or more minors receiving liquor	\$4,000 or 16 days	\$8,000 or 32 days	\$16,000 or 64 days
		Public special event licensee	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
		Private special event licensee	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
8. Permit a minor to enter or be in a licensed premises if the licence prohibits minors	s.74(3) GLA	1 – 2 minors	\$2,000 or 8 days	\$4,000 or 16 days	\$8,000 or 32 days
		3 or more minors	\$3,000 or 12 days	\$6,000 or 24 days	\$12,000 or 48 days
		Under 16: 1 – 2 minors	\$3,000 or 12 days	\$6,000 or 24 days	\$12,000 or 48 days
		Under 16: 3 or more	\$4,000 or 16 days	\$8,000 or 32 days	\$16,000 or 64 days
9. Failure to request proof of age from a person who appears to be under 25 OR Failure to request proof of age from a person who appears to be a minor	s.74(1) GLA s.37.1(3) GLA s.3.10.6 CBH s.1.10.4 CTCOG s.4.4.3 GMLSH s.5.5.8 LH s.4.4.4 RLSH	1 – 2 persons	\$750 or 3 days	\$1,500 or 6 days	\$3,000 or 12 days
		More than 2 persons	\$1,500 or 6 days	\$3,000 or 12 days	\$6,000 or 24 days

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Intoxication					
10. Sell or provide liquor to a person apparently intoxicated by liquor or a drug	s.75.1(a) GLA	1 patron	\$2,500 or 10 days	\$5,000 or 20 days	\$10,000 or 40 days
		2 or more patrons	\$5,000 or 20 days	\$10,000 or 40 days	\$20,000 or 80 days
11. Permit a person apparently intoxicated by liquor or a drug to consume liquor	s.75.1(b) GLA	1 patron	\$2,500 or 10 days	\$5,000 or 20 days	\$10,000 or 40 days
		2 or more patrons	\$5,000 or 20 days	\$10,000 or 40 days	\$20,000 or 80 days
Conduct on Licensed Premises					
12. Licensee and/or staff consuming liquor, or being under the influence of liquor or drugs, while on duty	s.5.3.18 LH s.4.6.3 RLSH		\$500 or 2 days	\$1,000 or 4 days	\$2,000 or 8 days
13. Permit an activity that is detrimental to the orderly operation of the licensed premises	s.69(1)(b) GLA	e.g. fights	\$2,500 or 10 days	\$5,000 or 20 days	\$10,000 or 40 days
14. Contravention of the ProServe/ProTect policy Requirements	s.1.6 LH s.1.6 RLSH s.1.7 LH		Warning	\$250 or 1 day	\$500 or 2 days
15. Allow person to remove liquor from licensed premises	s.91.1(2) GLR	1 - 2 patrons	\$500 or 2 days	\$1,000 or 4 days	\$2,000 or 8 days
		3 or more patrons	\$2,500 or 10 days	\$5,000 or 20 days	\$10,000 or 40 days
Sale or Consumption During Unauthorized Hours					
16. Sell, offer to sell or provide liquor on an unauthorized day or during unauthorized hours	s.68(1)(b) GLA	Single sale	\$1,000 or 4 days	\$2,000 or 8 days	\$4,000 or 16 days
		2 or more sales (to different patrons) on same business day	\$1,500 or 6 days	\$3,000 or 12 days	\$6,000 or 24 days
17. Permit consumption of liquor during unauthorized hours	s.71(3) GLA	Single patron consuming	\$1,000 or 4 days	\$2,000 or 8 days	\$4,000 or 16 days
		2 or more patrons consuming	\$1,500 or 6 days	\$3,000 or 12 days	\$6,000 or 24 days
18. Permit unauthorized person(s) in Class A minors prohibited licensed premises during unauthorized hours	s.71(2) GLA	1 to 5 patrons	\$500 or 2 days	\$1,000 or 4 days	\$2,000 or 8 days
		6 or more patrons	\$1,000 or 4 days	\$2,000 or 8 days	\$4,000 or 16 days
		While the licence is suspended	Hearing	Hearing	Hearing
19. Failure to remove liquor from patron areas by 3:00 a.m.	s.5.3.6c) LH		\$250 or 1 day	\$500 or 2 days	\$1,000 or 4 days
Inducements					
20. Liquor licensee or employee or agent of the licensee directly or indirectly borrowing or receiving as a gift from any liquor supplier/agency money, an advance of money, or anything of value	s.82(2)(a) GLR		100% Value of Inducement	200% Value of Inducement	300% Value of Inducement
Special Event Licences					
21. Class D licensee issuing a licence to businesses and individuals who do not qualify for private resale licences. OR Class D licensee issuing a licence to businesses and individuals who do not qualify for private non-sale licences.	s.1.2 SEL s.1.3 SEL s.8.3.1 RLSH s.8.2.2 RLSH s.9.3.1 LH s.9.2.2 LH		Warning	\$250	\$500
22. Class D licensee selling a special event licence in contravention of the operating guidelines	s.8.4.1 RLSH s.9.4.1 LH	Issue of a licence that violates the Act/Regulation or does not meet the qualifications	\$250 or 1 day	\$500 or 2 days	\$1,000 or 4 days