

GC2018 FACT SHEET



Licensed venues

For overseas and domestic visitors wanting to experience the vibrant nightlife of the Gold Coast and the Event Cities during the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018), here are a few things to know.

What is a Safe Night Precinct?

Safe Night Precincts exist in key entertainment areas across Queensland.

With some exceptions, such as restaurants, Safe Night Precinct licensed venues that trade past midnight on a permanent basis are obliged to operate an approved identification (ID) scanner at each entry to their licensed premises from 10pm.

This means patrons are required to have their proof of age (18+) ID scanned at premises in Safe Night Precincts for both entry and re-entry after 10pm.

On the Gold Coast, Safe Night Precincts are located at Broadbeach and Surfers Paradise. They are also located in Event Cities of Brisbane, Cairns and Townsville.

Can I use my GC2018 accreditation as a valid proof of age ID?

The legal drinking age in Australia is 18 and patrons visiting licensed premises will be required to produce a current proof of age ID upon request, including name, date of birth and photo.

Between 27 March – 24 April, GC2018 accreditation passes for **international visitors** (except New Zealand) which display dates of birth will be considered acceptable ID to enter licensed venues across Queensland. To help ensure efficient entry, the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation recommends international accreditation holders also carry a passport or driver licence, although this is not mandatory if carrying accreditation.

Australian and New Zealand citizens will need to use other acceptable forms of ID (such as driver licence, passport or proof of age cards) to enter licensed venues as their accreditation does not show date of birth. The difference in accreditations is due to the information supplied to support the visa process.

Are there any changes to operating hours for licensed venues during GC2018?

To accommodate late night events and showcase the Gold Coast's vibrant night life, licensed venues in Gold Coast Safe Night Precincts will be able to trade longer during GC2018.

From 3 – 17 April, all licensed venues in the Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach safe night precincts will be able to serve alcohol for an additional hour past their currently approved trading hours which means that they can trade until at least 1am, and as late as 4am, depending on their current liquor licence hours.