**Rugby World Cup 2023**

The men’s Rugby World Cup 2023 runs from 9 September to 29 October 2023. As the games will be played in France, time zone differences mean many games will be broadcast outside the maximum licensed trading hours in New Zealand.

The Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act (Rugby World Cup 2023 Extended Trading Hours) Amendment Bill passed in July 2023. The temporary change to the Act means that eligible on-licence and club-licence holders can extend their trading hours and won’t have to go through the usual special licence process, when televising live Rugby World Cup 2023 matches.

The process for extended trading hours is very similar to amendments made in 2015 and 2019: licence holders need to notify their territorial authority and the local Police station seven days before to the game/games they wish to extend their trading hours for.

This year, licensees also need to notify their territorial authority and Police to cancel their original notification, if they change their minds about extending their trading hours for a game(s). Additionally, the Police has a record-keeping requirement for the amendments.

The Act amendments set out specific requirements for licensees to be able to extend their trading hours.

**Information and Guidance**

The Ministry of Justice have produced the attached documents to help you prepare and meet your requirements under the Act, including:

* Factsheet for Licensees
* Guidance for Licensees
* Rugby World Cup 2023 Flowchart
* Notification Template
* Display Notice Template
* Rugby World Cup 2023 Game Details

**Notification**

Licensees are required to notify the Hurunui District Council and the local Police at least **7 days** prior to the game/games that you wish to extend your trading hours for.

Notification can either be done online or by email.

**Notify us by email**

Notification can be sent via email to:

* Hurunui District Council’s Alcohol Team: licensing@hurunui.govt.nz; **and**
* New Zealand Police: alcoholcanterbury@police.govt.nz

**Notify us online**

The Ministry of Justice has been working with Business Connect to develop a digitised form businesses can use to notify the relevant territorial authority and police. Business Connect is a centralised platform for New Zealand businesses to manage their licence, permits and registrations online.

You can complete the form on Business Connect, once submitted a summary of the notification is sent via email to the local territorial authority and police you have selected.

All notifications must be sent 7 days prior to the game you intend to open for.

1. Click [Business Connect](https://services.businessconnect.govt.nz/)
2. Log in using your RealMe login.
3. If you don’t have a RealMe login or if it’s your first time logging onto Business Connect, you will need to verify your email address.
4. From the Business Connect dashboard, click the Hospitality tab.
5. Click on Rugby World Cup extended trading hours tile and begin the form.

For help and support for the extension of trading hours, please email us at licensing@hurunui.govt.nz or call 03 314 8816.

Any technical issues with the Business Connect platform, please contact hello@businessconnect.govt.nz.

If you need help with RealMe, [please go here](https://www.realme.govt.nz/help/#the-difference-between-login-and-verified-identity)