

Punjab Restaurant (Consumption of Liquor) Rules, 1955

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1. Short title: - These rules may be called the Punjab Restaurant (Consumption of Liquor) Rules, 1955.

2. Definitions :- In these rules unless the context otherwise requires

- [(a)'restaurant' means any place to which the public is admitted for consumption of food or drink for a consideration and includes [have attached to a retail country liquor vend] [and a retail foreign liquor vend]
- (b) "proprietor" means the proprietor of a restaurant and includes any occupier thereof defined in sub-section (10) of section 3 of the Punjab Municipal Act, (III of 1911);
- [(c)'Licenced restaurant' means a restaurant which has been licensed under these rules];
- (d) 'Licencee' means any proprietor of a restaurant licensed under these rules;
- (dd) 'Form' means a form appended to these rules].
- (e) "country liquor" means country liquor as defined in the Punjab Excise Liquor Definitions, 1954.
- (f) "foreign liquor" means foreign liquor as defined in the Punjab Excise Liquor Definitions, 1954.

[3. No person shall keep or have in his possession country liquor or foreign liquor in any quantity on any premises used as a restaurant in any of the places enumerated in the Appendix to these rules where under sub-section (4) of section 24 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (Punjab Act of 1914), the consumption of liquor in a restaurant has been prohibited by the State Government by notification or in any other place in regard to which a similar notification may have issued or may subsequently be issued by the State Government, unless such premises have been licensed for consumption of liquor under the said Act or rules made thereunder;]

This shall have effect whether or not the quantity of liquor in the possession of a person falls within the limit or retail sale as fixed by the State Government].

4. The number of [licensed restaurants] for consumption of liquor in any particular area shall be fixed by the State Government in consultation with the Financial Commissioner.

5. Subject to the other provisions of the rules and subject to the conditions specified therein, a licence in Form L-52 may be granted by the Collector concerned for a period of one year from 1st April to 31st March on payment of fixed fee of -

- [[(i) Six thousand rupees per annum in rural areas and thirty thousand rupees per annum in urban areas in respect of any premises, specified in the license and are attached to retail country liquor vend.]]
- [[(ii) forty thousand rupees per annum in the areas falling within the jurisdiction of Municipal corporations, twenty five thousand rupees per annum in other urban areas and eight thousand rupees per annum in rural areas in respect of any premises, specified in the license and are attached to a retail foreign liquor vend.]]

Provided that the premises attached to L-2 and L-14 A vends, shall pay the fees as prescribed in clause (ii)]

6. [License in form L-52] shall not be granted in respect of premises which are suspected of being visited by minors, students, bad characters, criminals or prostitutes.

7. [A licence may be cancelled or suspended by the Collector for breach of any of the conditions of that licence : Provided that the cancellation or suspension of the licence may be foregone or revoked by the Collector on payment of such penalty as he may deem fit].

8. A licence shall not be utilised in respect of any premises other than those in respect of which it has been granted.

9.[Licencedpremises]shallatalltimesbeopentoinspectionbyallexciseofficersof and above the rank of excise officers of the second class.

[Form L-52]

(See rule 5)

Alicenceforconsumptionofcountryliquororforeignliquorinarestaurantsituatedinan area to which the Punjab Restaurant (Consumption of Liquor) Rules, 1965, extend.

RegisteredNo.....SubjecttothePunjabRestaurant(ConsumptionofLiquor) Rules, 1955

and to the following special conditions, this licence is granted to.....sonofshri.....residentof.....PoliceStation.....in thedistrictof.....permittinghimtoallowconsumptionofcountryliquor/foreign liquor (cancel the one not applicable) at the restaurant, situated.....(mentionherethehouseNo.bazar,roadorlocality)asbounded under :-

East.....

South.....

West.....

North.....

for the period from the to the.....

Special Conditions

1. The licensee shall not sell or supply any kin of liquor to consumers.
2. Thelicenseeshallkepthisrestaurantwellventilated,adequatelyandnicelyfurnished, thoroughlycleananddry. Therestaurantshallbesituatedinaproperbuildinghaving paccafloors. Theentranceshallbefittedwithadoorwhichwouldcloseautomatically. Thefurnitureshallalsobesoarrangedthatpassersbydonothaveanyviewofits interior.
3. Thelicenseeshallnotpermitanysinging,dancingortheatricalperformanceor entertainmentintherestaurantastocauseanydisorderlyconductinhisrestaurantand disturbance to neighbours of the restaurant.
4. Thelicenseeshallobserve drydaysandshallnotpermittheconsumptionofliquorat his restaurant except at following hours :-
[(1) Between the 16th April and the 15th October., From 8 A.M. to 11 P.M.]
[(2) Between the 16th October and the 15th April., From 11 A.M. to 9 P.M.]
5. TheCollectormayorderthetemporaryclosureofrestaurantforpreservationofpublic peaceandmake anychangeinthe abovehoursaccordingto the conditionsprevailingin the area concerned.

6. Thislicenseisnottransferableandmaybecancelled/suspendedbytheCollector concerned at any time without assigning any reason.

(Place) the....., Signature of the Collector.....

Dated....., Signature of the licensee.....

Note :- One copy of this license shall be given to the licensee and one copy shall be kept in the office of the Collector concerned.

Appendix

(See rule 3)

[Listofplaceswhereundersub-section4ofsection24ofthePunjabExciseAct,1914 (PunjabAct1of1914),thepossessionofcountryliquororforeignliquorinarestaurant hasbeenprohibitedandtowhichthePunjabRestaurant(ConsumptionofLiquor)Rules, 1955, are applicable and the number of restaurants licensed there :-]

Sr. No.	Name of the District	No. of Ihtas
1	Gurdaspur	97
2	Amritsar-1	79
3	Amritsar-2	70

4	Kapurthala	56
5	Jalandhar-1	43
6	Jalandhar-2	102
7	Hoshiarpur	128
8	Nawanshehar	43
9	Ropar	126
10	Patiala	107
11	Sangrur	125
12	Ludhiana-1	77
13	Ludhiana-2	98
14	Ludhiana-3	71
15	Fatehgarh Sahib	58
16	Ferozepur	87
17	Faridkot	34
18	Bathinda	57
19	Mansa	29
20	Mukatsar	39
21	Moga	30
		Total : 1556

Gurdaspur

Sr. No.	Name of Place	Numbers of restaurants licenced
1	Gurdaspur	16
2	Batala	16
3	Pathankot	20
4	Dina Nagra	5
5	Qadian	3
6	Dera Baba Nanak	5