

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR TOBACCO RETAILERS

Changes to the law on the sale, display and advertising of tobacco.

From 1 January 2010, there are new requirements relating to cigarette vending machines.

✓ Vending machines can only be placed in a bar area of a hotel or club, a bar area of a casino, or a gaming machine area, and can no longer be placed in staff amenity areas.

✓ Only **one** vending machine is allowed in each premises.

✓ A description and price of the product is allowed (in black writing on a white background).

✓ Occupiers of licensed premises have obligations for the vending machine, whether they own the machine or otherwise.

From 1 July 2010.

✓ Vending machines must be **activated by staff** (whether by remote control or some other means) or a token.

These changes are part of the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008 which regulates the advertising, display and sale of tobacco products, non-tobacco smoking products and smoking accessories. This new legislation places obligations on businesses which sell these products, including pubs, clubs and hotels, with penalties applying of up to \$1 million.

- ✓ **Only one vending machine**
- ✓ **None in staff amenity areas**
- ✓ **Activated by staff or token**
- ✓ **No tobacco displays**

Other changes to come into effect from 1 July 2009 apply to all tobacco retailers:

✓ **Notify the Department of Health before 1 October 2009** that you are a tobacco retailer (including having a vending machine on your premises), through the free, online Government Licensing Service at www.licence.nsw.gov.au

✓ **Sell tobacco products, non-tobacco smoking products and smoking accessories from a single point of sale – meaning **only one cash register can sell these products** in each premises.**

✓ **Ensure that tobacco products or non-tobacco smoking products are **not part of any shopper loyalty programs.****

✓ **Tobacco retailers must also ensure that tobacco products and non-tobacco smoking products cannot be seen by the public from inside or outside the premises. Retailers with more than 50 employees must comply by 1 January 2010. Retailers with 50 or fewer employees must comply by 1 July 2010.**

Once you have registered on the Government Licensing Service, you will have access to current information on tobacco retailing, including free signage and resources.

For more information please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au or call the Tobacco Information Line on **1800 357 412**.



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