

# LGA news

On April 1, 2014, the Manitoba Gaming Control Commission and the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission's (MLCC) Regulatory Services Division will combine to become a single regulatory agency: the **Liquor and Gaming Authority of Manitoba (LGA)**.

## What does this mean for Liquor Marts?

- Separating MLCC's operational and regulatory responsibilities will lead to some important changes for Liquor Marts. We are working to make this transition as seamless as possible for Liquor Marts and your customers.
- Each Liquor Mart will require a sales licence under the new legislation. The LGA will work directly with Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries to issue these licences.
- As a licensee, inspectors will begin to routinely monitor your compliance with the legislation and regulation. The LGA will take a risk-based approach to inspections to focus on high-risk premises and working with licensees to ensure compliance through education and information.
- Restrictions on Sunday and holiday hours have been eliminated, with the exception of restrictions on Remembrance Day. Liquor can be sold from 8:00 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week, although Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries may choose shorter operating hours within this period.
- Effective April 1, you will be required to accept the Secure Certificate of Indian Status issued by the Government of Canada as a new valid form of identification. The LGA will send each Liquor Mart posters that depict accepted forms of identification.
- In 2014/15, the LGA will develop and launch an online social responsibility training program for retail locations, including Liquor Marts. We will provide more information about this mandatory program over the course of the year.



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## What about **occasional permits**?

- Occasional liquor permits will now be called social occasion permits. This is a name change only. Manitobans will continue to be able to apply for permits at the LGA Permit Department, at [www.LGManitoba.ca](http://www.LGManitoba.ca), and at Liquor Marts, specialty wine stores and rural liquor vendors. **Only the LGA will be able to issue permits.**
- Manitobans will continue to be required to apply for a social occasion permit at least three business days before their event. The LGA is planning a communication strategy to remind the public of this requirement. This will include posters to display in Liquor Marts and pamphlets for customers to take away. We appreciate your assistance with helping your customers understand the permit process change.
- The LGA will send you new social occasion permit application forms in late March, along with instructions for how to submit completed forms.

**Questions?** Contact us at 204-474-5619, toll-free at 1-888-898-6522, or email [liquorlicence@LGManitoba.ca](mailto:liquorlicence@LGManitoba.ca) for questions about Liquor Mart licensing.



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