

# RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSING MADE SIMPLE WITH LICENTIA





# WHAT BUSINESS OWNERS MUST KNOW ABOUT RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSING IN 2026

## 5 KEY RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE INSIGHTS:

- 1. Incorrect zoning remains the biggest approval issue**  
Most rejected applications are linked to zoning or land-use problems.
- 2. Municipal objections are increasing**  
Residential complaints and public objections are becoming more common.
- 3. SAPS clearance delays affect approval timelines**  
Police clearance remains one of the most important compliance steps.
- 4. Applying under the wrong category creates major setbacks**  
Many businesses confuse on-consumption and off-consumption applications.
- 5. Incomplete applications are rejected faster in 2026**  
Liquor Boards are enforcing stricter compliance standards than ever before.

## PLEASE BE ADVISED

Retail Liquor Licensing is governed by provincial liquor legislation and municipal regulations. Requirements differ by province and municipality.

Licentia Franchise SA manages the full application process on your behalf—ensuring your submission is compliant, structured correctly, and aligned with all legal requirements.

# REAL SUCCESS. REAL CLIENTS.

## MPUMALANGA

Proven market performance

## GAUTENG

High-volume licensing demand

## KWAZULU-NATAL

Strategic growth territory

Licentia continues to deliver high approval rates through compliance-first submissions and structured application processes.

## WHY MANY RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS FAIL

### COMMON APPLICATION MISTAKES

- Applying without approved zoning
- Missing supporting documents
- Incorrect application category
- Poorly prepared submissions
- Failure to meet municipal requirements

### HOW LICENTIA HELPS YOU AVOID DELAYS

Licentia handles the entire Retail Liquor License process, including:

- Application preparation
- Compliance verification
- Document reviews
- Zoning guidance
- Submission management
- Progress tracking with authorities

**Our structured process reduces unnecessary delays and improves approval readiness from the beginning.**

## CHOOSING THE CORRECT RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

### ON-CONSUMPTION LICENSE

Alcohol is consumed on the premises.

Examples:

- Taverns
- Restaurants
- Bars
- Lounges

### OFF-CONSUMPTION LICENSE

Alcohol is sold for consumption elsewhere.

Examples:

- Bottle stores
- Liquor outlets
- Retail alcohol shops

### COMBINED LICENSE TYPES

Certain businesses may qualify for both on- and off-consumption rights depending on their operational model and municipal approval.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Applying under the incorrect liquor license category can delay your approval process significantly and may require a completely new submission.

Tip: Licentia ensures your business applies under the correct licensing structure from the start.

# A FULLY MANAGED LICENSING PROCESS

Licentia Franchise SA manages the complete Retail Liquor License process on your behalf—from initial assessment to final submission.

We ensure your documentation, zoning, and compliance requirements are aligned before submission, reducing delays and improving application readiness.

## BUILT FOR COMPLIANCE & EFFICIENCY

With increasing enforcement in 2026, accuracy and compliance are more important than ever. Licentia provides a structured process designed to help business owners navigate complex licensing requirements professionally and efficiently.

### WHAT WE HANDLE FOR YOU

- Application preparation
- Compliance verification
- Document checks
- Submission management
- Liaising with authorities
- Application tracking

### GET STARTED TODAY

**Avoid delays.**  
**Stay compliant.**  
**Get licensed the right way with Licentia.**



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