

Queenstown Lakes District Council

Proposed Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy

Introduction

This policy is made under Shop Trading Hours Act 1990 (“Act”), regarding the opening of shops on Easter Sunday.

The Act was amended in 2016 to allow councils to have a policy to allow shops to open on Easter Sunday.

The restrictions applying to Anzac Day morning, Good Friday and Christmas Day remain unchanged.

Currently most shops in most districts around New Zealand are unable to open for trade on Easter Sunday because of the day’s status as a restricted trading day under the Act.

Definition

A **shop** is a building, place, or part of a building or place, where goods are kept, sold, or offered for sale, by retail; and includes an auction mart, and a barrow, stall, or other subdivision of a market; but does not include:

- a private home where the owner or occupier's effects are being sold (by auction or otherwise); or
- a building or place where the only business carried on is that of selling by auction agricultural products, pastoral products, and livestock, or any of them; or
- a building or place where the only business carried on is that of selling goods to people who are dealers, and buy the goods to sell them again.

Strategic Alignment

This policy assists in the delivery of the following Council outcomes and goals:

- Protects the interests of the District and its community;
- Is cost effective and achieves the regulatory objectives; and
- Enables our community to comply with national and local legislation because they are well understood and easy to comply with.

Scope of policy

This policy applies to the whole of the Queenstown Lakes District.

This policy does not apply to the sale or supply of alcohol, which is regulated under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act.

Shop trading permitted

Shop trading is permitted on Easter Sundays throughout the Queenstown Lakes District (Appendix A).

Shop employees’ right to refuse to work

Easter Sunday continues to be a day of significance across New Zealand and some people would rather not work on this day.

There are ‘right to refuse’ provisions that allow employers to negotiate freely, and means that all shop employees will have the ability to refuse to work on Easter Sunday without any repercussions for their employment relationship.

Appendix A – Map of Queenstown Lakes District

