

Specifications for Electronic Financial Returns Version 4.0

This document describes the specifications that Liquor Suppliers must adhere to when submitting or uploading Annual Liquor Financial Returns electronically to the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor.

Why a Standard Specification?

The reasons for having a standard specification for the submission of electronic financial returns are:

- To publish a common standard specification for the submission of electronic financial returns, available for any supplier to use.
- To improve the speed and accuracy of financial return processing which should also result in flow through benefits to the customer.
- To minimise the possible problems associated with electronic transfers.
- To ensure the quality of the information transferred.
- To manage change effectively when needed.
- To be independent of technical personnel.

Help

For help or assistance in this regard, please contact this office on 9425 1999 or e-mail us on rgl@rgl.wa.gov.au.

File Specification and Layout

The file containing the information should be a flat text file, with Carriage Return Line Feeds after each record (row).

The fields in the file MUST be comma delimited (CSV).

The data values may have spaces before and after, as long as the actual data values do not exceed the maximum lengths specified in the specification below.

Numeric values should not contain commas.

The first row, Header – Identification is there to identify the Liquor Supplier who lodged the file and for which Financial Year (e.g. 2012, 2013 and 2014) it was lodged.

Then follows the body rows with the relevant figures per Liquor Purchaser.

The last row, Footer, should contain the control totals, to verify the correctness of the file processing.

The format of the three types of rows (records) in the file should be as follows:

Record Description	Column	Max Length	Valid Formats	Examples
Header (Identification) 1 st row	Row Type	1	Char	H
	Liquor Supplier Licence No	10	Full Licence No	6160111717
	Return Type	40	String	Wholesaler
	Financial Year	4	YYYY	2012 - for 2012/2013 fin year
	Return Period	40	String	Annual / Quarterly / Mid-Year
Figures per Purchaser Detail rows	Row Type	1	Char	D
	Purchaser Licence No	10	Full Licence No	6160119421
	Beer High Volume	10	Numeric	615
	Beer Low Volume	10	Numeric	295
	Wine High Volume	10	Numeric	0
	Wine Low Volume	10	Numeric	0
	Spirit Volume	10	Numeric	533
	Beer High Value	10	Currency	185811
	Beer Low Value	10	Currency	53918
	Wine High Value	10	Currency	18811
	Wine Low Value	10	Currency	6584
Spirit Value	10	Currency	2546	
Footer (Control Totals) Last row	Row Type	1	Char	F
	Number of rows	10	Numeric	456
	Beer High Volume Total	10	Numeric	6584689
	Beer Low Volume Total	10	Numeric	123456
	Wine High Volume Total	10	Numeric	12345

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	Wine Low Volume Total	10	Numeric	154
	Spirit Volume Total	10	Numeric	123456
	Beer High Value Total	10	Currency	654321
	Beer Low Value Total	10	Currency	123456
	Wine High Value Total	10	Currency	54875
	Wine Low Value Total	10	Currency	9584
	Spirit Value Total	10	Currency	215465

Sample Financial Return File

H, 6160111717, Wholesaler, 2014, Annual

D, 6160119421, 1111, 2222, 3333, 4444, 5555, 6666, 7777, 0, 0, 1010

D, 6160115465, 1111, 2222, 3333, 4444, 5555, 6666, 7777, 0, 0, 1010

D, 6160514564, 1111, 2222, 3333, 4444, 5555, 6666, 7777, 0, 0, 1010

D, 6160254655, 1111, 2222, 3333, 4444, 5555, 6666, 7777, 0, 0, 1010

F, 4, 4444, 8888, 13332, 17776, 22220, 26664, 31108, 0, 0, 4040