

# Media Release

**The Hon Melissa Horne MP**

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## **MORE FLEXIBILITY WITH RSA TRAINING OFFERED ONLINE**

Victorians are being given more opportunities to prepare for the reopening of licensed venues with the Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) program to be available online.

Along with online delivery, the RSA program will also be nationally recognised allowing for greater employment flexibility in licensed venues when borders reopen.

Minister for Gaming and Liquor Regulation, Melissa Horne today announced the change will begin from 12 October as part of an ongoing Victorian Government commitment to cut red tape and help Victorians find work in the hospitality sector.

The online training module will make RSA training more accessible, particularly for those who require flexible arrangements due to coronavirus restrictions, work commitments, or who live in rural areas.

When the interstate borders open again, Victorians who have undertaken the nationally accredited course will have their RSA certificate more easily recognised in other states and territories.

Similarly, anyone with an RSA certificate issued in another state or territory will have their qualifications recognised in Victoria, provided they complete a free online refresher course to ensure they are familiar with Victorian liquor laws.

RSA training is mandatory for anyone who works in the hospitality industry and intends to sell or serve alcohol with general, on-premises, late night, and packaged liquor licenses.

Those who hold a current Victorian RSA certificate will not be required to complete the nationally recognised certificate to continue working in Victorian licensed venues.

For more information on the changes to RSA training visit [vcglr.vic.gov.au](http://vcglr.vic.gov.au).

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Gaming and Liquor Regulation Melissa Horne**

*“Moving to new online, nationally recognised RSA training will give Victorians more ability to upskill from home while planning to return to work, in a steady and sustainable way.”*

*“The difficulty of relying solely on face-to-face learning has been highlighted during the coronavirus pandemic – this change will make it easier for training organisations to deliver the course, and those in the hospitality industry to complete their RSA training.”*