

SHOPPING CENTRE

COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

PUBLIC HOLIDAY TRADING RESTRICTIONS

CHRISTMAS 2009 AND NEW YEAR 2010

Australian Capital Territory

There are no restrictions on trading on public holidays in the ACT. Traditionally, however, large shops and shopping centres in the ACT do not trade on **Christmas Day** (Friday 25 December).

New South Wales

All shops are required to close on **Christmas Day** (Friday 25 December) and **Boxing Day** (Saturday 26 December) unless they are "small shops" or "exempt shops"; are located in a exempted tourist area; or had permission to trade under previous legislation. All shops can open on the **Boxing Day public holiday** (Monday 28 December) and on **New Years Day** (Friday 1 January).

Exemptions to trade on **Christmas Day** and **Boxing Day** may be granted on application but these are now only permitted in exceptional circumstances. (N.B. Some majors have already applied to trade.) Guidelines for such applications are available [here](#).

***Note:** New trading hours legislation, the Shop Trading Act 2008, came into force in July. All previous exemptions to trade on **Boxing Day** (such as those in the Sydney CBD, Newcastle and Cabramatta) have been carried over to the new Act. 'Small shops' and 'exempt shops' are defined in the Act and a list of exempted tourist areas is [available here](#).*

Northern Territory

There are no restrictions on trading on public holidays in the Northern Territory. Traditionally, however, large shops and shopping centres do not trade on **Christmas Day** (Friday 25 December).

Queensland

Queensland's arrangements are particularly complex due to the large number of trading hour zones. The National Retail Association has prepared the **attached** guide to allowable hours for non-exempt shops over this period.

In the South-East Queensland area (which includes Brisbane, the Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast) non-exempt shops (i.e. large shops) can trade on all days except **Christmas Day** (Friday 25 December 2009).

Note: For a definition of 'exempt shop' please refer to the Shop Trading Hours Act 1977. As a general rule, however, most supermarkets, discount department stores, department stores and most other national retailers are non-exempt shops.

South Australia

In Adelaide, non-exempt shops are not permitted to trade on **Christmas Day** (Friday 25 December), **Proclamation Day** (Saturday 26 December) and **New Years Day** (Friday 1 January).

Tasmania

Trading hours in Tasmania are generally unregulated but shops are not permitted to trade on **Christmas Day** (Friday 25 December).

Victoria

Trading hours in Victoria are generally unregulated but only 'exempt shops' can trade on **Christmas Day** (Friday 25 December).

Note: For a definition of 'exempt shops' please refer to the Shop Trading Reform Act 1996. As a general rule most supermarkets, discount department stores, department stores and most national retailers are non-exempt shops.

Western Australia

General retail shops in the Perth metropolitan area are permitted to trade from 10am to 5pm on every Sunday in December (i.e. 6, 13, 20 and 27 December) as well as on **Boxing Day** (Saturday 26 December). Extended weekday trading (from 8am until 9pm) is permitted in the weeks beginning Monday 14 December; Monday 21 December and Monday 28 December – however trading must finish at 6pm on Thursday 24 December (Christmas Eve) and Thursday 31 December (New Years Eve). Trading is not permitted on **Christmas Day** (Friday 25 December) and **New Years Day** (Friday 1 January 2010). Normal trading hours resume from Saturday 2 January 2010.

[The above arrangements do not apply to those areas of WA where trading hours are unregulated, i.e north of the 26th parallel of south latitude and to some other areas outside metropolitan Perth which may have special arrangements over this period. Further details are [available here](#).]

Note: 'General retail shops' are shops that do not fall within the definitions of 'small retail shops' and 'special retail shops' in the Retail Trading Hours Act 1987. As a general rule national chain supermarkets and most discount department stores, department stores and most national retailers are 'general retail shops'.



CHRISTMAS TRADING HOURS 2009/2010

Allowable Trading Hours for Non-Exempt Shops in Queensland – 2009 Pre- Christmas Period

| AREA (Contact NRA for Definitions of areas) | SUNDAY November 29 | SUNDAY December 6 | SUNDAY December 13 | SATURDAY December 19 | SUNDAY December 20 | WEDNESDAY December 23 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| South East Qld Area (Includes Nambour, Beerwah and Beaudesert) | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-12 midnight |
| Inner City of Brisbane | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-12 midnight |
| Brisbane City Heart | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-12 midnight |
| Brisbane City Heart (Supermarkets Only) | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-7.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-12 midnight |
| Westfield Chermside | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am Dec 23 to 9pm Dec 24 continuous |
| Area of New Farm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 7.00am-7.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-12 midnight |
| Sunshine Coast Area (Includes Maleny) | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-12 midnight |
| Gold Coast Area | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-12 midnight |
| Cairns Tourist Area (as defined) | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-12 midnight |
| Douglas Shire Tourist Area | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-12 midnight |
| Whitsunday Shire Tourist Area | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-12 midnight |
| Hervey Bay Area | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-12 midnight |
| Yeppoon | 10.30am-5.30pm | 10.30am-5.30pm | 10.30am-5.30pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-12 midnight |
| Moranbah | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-12 midnight |
| Tourist / and Seaside Resort Areas | CLOSED | CLOSED | 10.30am-4.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-12 midnight |
| Townsville CBD | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-12 midnight |
| North Ward | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-12 midnight |
| Townsville & Thuringowa (excluding Townsville CBD & North Ward) | 11.00am-6.00pm | 11.00am-6.00pm | 11.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-12 midnight |
| REMAINDER OF THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND | CLOSED | CLOSED | 10.30am-4.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-6.00pm | 8.00am-12 midnight |

NB: Immediately following the midnight trading day, tenants of Westfield Chermside (Brisbane) may continue to trade through the night (12.01am to 8.00am) and thereafter until the normal closing time on the day following the midnight trading day. That is, continuous trade is permitted from 8am on Wednesday 23 December to 9pm on Thursday December 24, 2008.



Allowable Trading Hours for Non-Exempt Shops in Queensland – 2009/10 Christmas and New Year Period

| AREA <i>(Contact NRA for Definitions of Areas)</i> | TUESDAY <i>Dec 22</i> | WEDNESDAY <i>Dec 23 (Ex Westfield Chermside)</i> | THURS <i>Dec 24</i> | FRIDAY <i>DEC 25</i> | SATURDAY <i>DEC 26</i> | SUNDAY <i>DEC 27</i> | MONDAY DEC <i>28 BOXING DAY</i> | Tuesday <i>Dec 29 to Thursday Dec 31</i> | FRIDAY JAN 1 <i>2010</i> | SATURDAY <i>JAN 2 2010</i> |
|--|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| South East Qld Area <i>(Includes Nambour, Beerwah, and Beaudesert)</i> | 8am – 9pm | 8.00am-12 midnight | 8am – 9pm | CLOSED | 8am – 5.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | NORMAL TRADE | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8am – 5.00pm |
| Inner City of Brisbane | 8am – 9pm | 8.00am-12 midnight | 8am – 9pm | CLOSED | 8am – 5.30pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | NORMAL TRADE | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8am – 5.30pm |
| Brisbane City Heart | 8am – 9pm | 8.00am-12 midnight | 8am – 9pm | CLOSED | 8am – 5.30pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | NORMAL TRADE | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8am – 5.30pm |
| Brisbane City Heart <i>(Supermarkets Only)</i> | 7am – 9pm | 8.00am-12 midnight | 7am – 9pm | CLOSED | 8am – 7pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | NORMAL TRADE | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8am – 7pm |
| Area of New Farm | 7am – 9pm | 8.00am-12 midnight | 7am – 9pm | CLOSED | 7am – 7pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | NORMAL TRADE | 9.00am-6.00pm | 7am – 7pm |
| Sunshine Coast Area <i>(Includes Maleny)</i> | 8am – 9pm | 8.00am-12 midnight | 8am – 9pm | CLOSED | 8am – 5.30pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | NORMAL TRADE | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8am – 5.30pm |
| Gold Coast Area | 8am – 9pm | 8.00am-12 midnight | 8am – 9pm | CLOSED | 8am – 5.30pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | NORMAL TRADE | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8am – 5.30pm |
| Cairns Tourist Area (as defined) | 8am – 9pm | 8.00am-12 midnight | 8am – 9pm | CLOSED | 8am – 5.30pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.30am– 5.30pm | NORMAL TRADE | 8.30am-5.30pm | 8am – 5.30pm |
| Douglas Shire Tourist Area | 8am – 9pm | 8.00am-12 midnight | 8am – 9pm | CLOSED | 8am – 5.30pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.30am– 5.30pm | NORMAL TRADE | 8.30am-5.30pm | 8am – 5.30pm |
| Whitsunday Shire Tourist Area | 8am – 9pm | 8.00am-12 midnight | 8am – 9pm | CLOSED | 8am – 5.30pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.30am– 5.30pm | NORMAL TRADE | 8.30am-5.30pm | 8am – 5.30pm |
| Hervey Bay Area | 8am – 9pm | 8.00am-12 midnight | 8am – 9pm | CLOSED | 8am – 5.30pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.30am– 5.30pm | NORMAL TRADE | 8.30am-5.30pm | 8am – 5.30pm |
| Yeppoon | 8am – 9pm | 8.00am-12 midnight | 8am – 9pm | CLOSED | 8am – 5.30pm | 10.30am– 5.30pm | 8.30am– 5.30pm | NORMAL TRADE | 8.30am-5.30pm | 8am – 5.30pm |
| Moranbah | 8am – 9pm | 8.00am-12 midnight | 8am – 9pm | CLOSED | 8am – 5pm | 9.00am–6.00pm | 8.30am-5.30pm | NORMAL TRADE | 8.30am-5.30pm | 8am – 5.00pm |
| Tourist / and Seaside Resort Areas | 8am – 9pm | 8.00am-12 midnight | 8am – 9pm | CLOSED | 8am – 5.30pm | CLOSED | 8.30am– 5.30pm | NORMAL TRADE | 8.30am-5.30pm | 8am – 5.30pm |
| Townsville CBD & North Ward | 8am – 9pm | 8.00am-12 midnight | 8am – 9pm | CLOSED | 8am – 5.30pm | 9.00am-6.00pm | 8.30am– 5.30pm | NORMAL TRADE | 8.30am-5.30pm | 8am – 5.30pm |
| Townsville & Thuringowa <i>(excluding Townsville CBD & North Ward)</i> | 8am – 9pm | 8.00am-12 midnight | 8am – 9pm | CLOSED | 8am – 5.30pm | 11am– 6.00pm | 8.30am-5.30pm | NORMAL TRADE | 8.30am-5.30pm | 8am – 5.30pm |
| REMAINDER OF THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND | 8am – 9pm | 8.00am-12 midnight | 8am – 9pm | CLOSED | 8am – 5pm | CLOSED | CLOSED | NORMAL TRADE | CLOSED | 8am – 5pm |