

REPORT NO: 68-2026

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

Proposed General Extension to Licensing Hours During 2026 FIFA World Cup

11th June 2026 – 19th July 2026

- 1. All premises with an “on-sales” facility may open beyond their existing terminal hour as undernoted, provided the premises have permission to show televised sport and appropriate conditions for access for children and young persons on their operating plan.**
- 2. For all tournament matchdays, qualifying premises may open until 01.00 hours for the purposes of televising any fixtures, or 15 minutes after any 11.00 p.m. kick-off match ends, whichever is the later.**
- 3. Where the fixtures involve the Scotland Mens National Team, premises may remain open until 15 minutes after the match ends even if this is after the closing hours permitted under Paragraph 2. above.**
- 4. There is no obligation on any qualifying premises to take advantage of these extended hours if they do not wish to do so [Section 67 (5) of the 2005 Act].**
- 5. Any premises which wish to remain open beyond the hours stated above will require to make an application for extended hours under Section 68 of the 2005 Act.**
- 6. All qualifying premises which wish to open in accordance with the terms of this general extension are reminded that the conditions of their premises licence remain in force whilst they are open and appropriate risk assessments should be undertaken to seek to ensure compliance with the 5 licensing objectives during the extended hours. N.B. The Board does not intend to ask premises to enforce the minimum entry charge in these circumstances.**