

Allocating Additional Retail Liquor Stores Backgrounder

Additional retail liquor stores in Saskatchewan will be allocated based on the population of the community. Communities must have a minimum population of 500 in order to be eligible for a retail liquor store and there will be a maximum of 40 liquor stores in a community with 275,000 people.

Based on current population statistics, some communities will be eligible for additional retail stores while others will not.

The process to allocate a new liquor store will only be triggered if interest is expressed in a community where there is at least one available retail liquor permit.

In such cases, an online auction will be used with the highest bidder receiving the opportunity to apply for the permit, subject to also meeting qualifications of holding a retail liquor permit).

Auctions will initially take place quarterly. Notices will be sent to community officials, advertised in the local newspaper and posted on SLGA's website prior to an auction beginning.

Population	Maximum number of retail liquor stores
500-1,000	1
1,001-2,500	2
2,501-5,000	3
5,001-10,000	4
10,001-15,000	5
15,001-20,000	6
20,001-27,500	7
27,501-35,000	8
35,001-42,500	9
42,501-50,000	10
50,001-57,500	11
215,001-222,500	33
222,501-230,000	34
230,001-237,500	35
237,501-245,000	36
245,001-252,500	37
252,501-260,000	38
260,001-267,500	39
267,501-275,000	40