

# Timeline of Government of Ontario's Actions to Modernize Alcohol Sales and to Develop a Province-wide Alcohol Policy to Minimize Harms

## Action by Government to modernize alcohol sales in Ontario

**April 11, 2014**  
Premier's **Advisory Council** is convened to advise on maximizing value and performance of government assets.

**May 1, 2014**  
**VQA wines** available at farmers' markets

**April 16, 2015**  
**Advisory Council** report on beer sales.

**April 23, 2015**  
2015 Ontario Budget: Government commits to implement the Advisory Council's recommendations and to develop initiatives to support the safe consumption of alcohol

**December 15, 2015**  
**Beer** is available in **58** grocery stores.

**February 18, 2016**  
**Advisory Council** report on wine and spirit sales.

**June 24, 2016**  
**Ciders** are available in grocery stores.

**July 26, 2016**  
The **LCBO** launches new e-commerce platform and home deliveries.

**October 28, 2016**  
**Wine** is available in **67** grocery stores.

**February 6, 2017**  
The Government announces a new round of bidding for alcohol sales in grocery stores.

**July 1, 2017**  
Alcohol will be available in **206** grocery stores.

### Total Retail Availability of Alcohol in Ontario

**659** LCBO<sup>1</sup>  
**551** Ferment on Premises<sup>2</sup>  
**507** ON Winery Retail<sup>3</sup>  
**447** Beer Store<sup>1</sup>  
**212** LCBO Agency<sup>1</sup>  
**206** Grocery Stores<sup>4</sup>  
**150** On-site Brewery Retail<sup>3</sup>  
**72** Licensed Delivery Services<sup>5</sup>  
**69** Farmers' Markets<sup>6</sup>  
**18** On-site Distillery Retail<sup>3</sup>  
**15** Duty Free<sup>3,7</sup>  
LCBO Online Sales/Delivery

2014

2015

2016

2017

**December 18, 2015**  
Government announces the development of a province-wide **Alcohol Policy** to support their commitment on the safe and responsible consumption of alcohol.

**February 2016**  
MOHLTC<sup>8</sup> consultation on **Alcohol Policy** framework. Proposed launch in spring 2016.

**June 20, 2016**  
Increase in minimum price of wine.<sup>9</sup>

**January 1, 2017**  
Calories are required to be posted on menus (including alcohol).

**April 27, 2017**  
2017 Ontario Budget: Funding for FASD.

**Province-wide Alcohol Policy to Minimize Harms**

**PENDING**

## Action by Government to develop a province-wide Alcohol Policy to minimize harms

**Notes:** [1] Reporting year, 2016/17. [2] Reporting year, 2014/15. [3] Reporting year, 2015/16. [4] As of May 2017. [5] As of July 1, 2017. Plans for up to 450 locations have been announced. [6] For 2017, 69 farmers' markets are authorized to sell wine; this number may vary each year. [7] Includes airports and land border crossings. [8] MOHLTC = Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. [9] Implemented over 3 years.