

## €10m boost for vintners and hospitality sector

**For the second year running pubs, bars, nightclubs and restaurants are being granted a waiver to support their businesses through the pandemic.**

The Irish Government has decided to waive court fees and excise duties for vintners for 2021 in a move that will benefit pubs, bars, nightclubs and restaurants by €10m.

For the second consecutive year the Government has agreed to waive court fees relating to the renewal of specified pubs and other liquor licences in 2021.

It will waive excise and stamp duties associated with those fees for 2021 and will waive excise duty for on-trade liquor licences on renewal in 2021.

### **Beleaguered sector**

“We are waiving these fees and excise duties again in 2021 to support vintners and other licenced premises,” said Justice Minister Heather Humphreys, TD. “I know that the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on their businesses and we are keen to support them in any way we can. This is an important signal of that support.

“Pubs, bars, nightclubs and restaurants will all benefit from this measure, helping to stimulate economic activity and employment as the sector returns to activity in line with Government and public health recommendations.”

The waiver of these fees and duties is expected to result in a saving to vintners and other licenced premises in the region of €10m.

“This time last year, the Government agreed a package of measures for vintners impacted by Covid-19, included the waiving of the excise duty on the renewal of the pub licence, together with the excise and stamp duty associated with the Court fees for such renewals,” said Minister for Finance Paschal Donohoe, TD.

“[The Night-Time Economy Taskforce](#) Report recommends that the fees and duties waived in 2020 in order to support vintners and other licensed premises be waived again in 2021 due to the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the sector. I am pleased to extend this measure again this year, which will be given effect in the Finance Act 2021.”

By [John Kennedy](#) ([john.kennedy3@boi.com](mailto:john.kennedy3@boi.com))

*Published: 22 July 2021*