



Barbados Employers'
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Frequently Asked Questions

General Election Day

Given the upcoming **General Election Day, set for Thursday, May 24th, 2018**, the following frequently asked questions with the relevant answers are provided to **employers** across various sectors to clarify any misconceptions about the day.

MANUFACTURING SECTOR

Q 1: As a company involved in the manufacturing of alcohol or alcoholic beverages, do we need to halt operations on Voting Day?

ANSWER: Companies involved in the manufacturing of alcohol may continue to do so as the assumption is made that any intended sale is for wholesale purposes only and not direct consumption.

Q 2: As a company involved in the wholesale of alcoholic beverages to retail outlets, should we halt this operation on Voting Day?

ANSWER: Companies involved in the wholesale of alcoholic beverages may continue to do so as the assumption is made that any such product will be sealed and therefore protected from direct sale for immediate consumption.

DISTRIBUTION SECTOR

Q 1: What are the requirements under the law as it relates to the sale of alcohol on the day?

ANSWER: Businesses are strictly prohibited from the sale of intoxicating liquor during the hours of the poll. All alcoholic products which are displayed must be covered and out of sight to all on voting day.

Q 2: Do the above requirements apply to my company if we are operating within the departure lounge of the Grantley Adams International Airport?

ANSWER: Companies operating within the departure lounge of the airport are not prohibited from the sale of intoxicating liquor as the assumption is made that such customers will be departing the country.

HOSPITALITY SECTOR

Q 1: Are hotels allowed to sell, serve or distribute alcoholic beverages to guests?

ANSWER: No alcoholic beverages whatsoever may be distributed on Voting Day

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