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## Approval for extended Christmas trading hours

The State Government has approved extended trading hours for retailers over the Christmas period, giving consumers more time for any last minute purchases ahead of the festive season.

The extended trading hours have been developed in consultation with the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association along with several major retailers, and retail groups.

In line with recent years, retailers within the Greater Adelaide Shopping District (which covers both the CBD and suburban areas) will be allowed to trade from 9am to 5pm on every Sunday in December – including New Year's Eve.

In addition, retailers will be able to remain open until midnight on Thursday December 14, Thursday December 21 and Friday December 22.

With Christmas falling on a Monday for the first time in more than a decade, shops will also be allowed to remain open for an extra hour on Saturday December 23, with retailers allowed to remain open until 6pm.

Shops that are exempt from the Shop Trading Hours Act will be able to open and close at their discretion throughout Christmas and New Year's. They include:

- small supermarkets (trading area less than 400m<sup>2</sup>)
- other small shops (trading area less than 200m<sup>2</sup>)
- cafes, restaurants and take-away food outlets
- service stations
- speciality stores, regardless of size, such as: bookshops; newsagents; pharmacies; florists; plant nurseries; and caravan and trailer yards.

Regional areas are mostly exempt from shop trading laws and, in those country districts where shop trading is regulated, exemption applications will be considered on a case by case basis.

To find out more about shop trading hours – including information about which businesses are exempt – visit the SafeWork SA website at [www.safework.sa.gov.au/shoptradinghours](http://www.safework.sa.gov.au/shoptradinghours)