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## Government approves additional Christmas trading hours

In the Christmas and the New Year season, retailers in the Greater Adelaide Shopping District – city and suburbs – and their customers will benefit from additional trading hours.

The State Government has approved arrangements that allow retailers to open two hours earlier each Sunday (9am instead of 11am) from 27 November through to 18 December 2016.

Retailers can also trade until 12-midnight on Thursday 15 December, Thursday 22 December, and Friday 23 December 2016.

With Christmas Day and New Year's Day both falling on a Sunday, the public holidays for Christmas Day, Proclamation Day and New Year's Day move to the following weekday – Monday 26 December, Tuesday 27 December and Monday 2 January 2017.

Following consultation with South Australia's retail sector, the State Government has also approved retailers in the city and suburbs to trade from 9am to 5pm on the Proclamation Day and New Year's Day public holidays. This gives suburban shops two more trading days than would usually be the case.

Shops in Adelaide's CBD retain exclusive trading hours on 26 December and New Year's Day.

Key retail industry stakeholders agreed that non-exempt suburban retailers, like their city counterparts, should be free to trade on Tuesday 27 December 2016 and Monday 2 January 2017.

Exempt retailers can open at any time they choose over the holiday period and 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
- specialty stores, regardless of size, such as: bookshops; newsagents; pharmacies; florists; plant nurseries; and caravan and trailer yards.

Most of regional South Australia is exempt from the state's trading laws on shopping hours, however the country districts that are subject to shop trading regulation will have Christmas exemption applications considered on a case by case basis.

For more information about shop trading hours, including which shops are exempt and non-exempt please visit [safework.sa.gov.au](http://safework.sa.gov.au).

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