

Iceland Country Report – Alcohol Policy Profile

Infrastructure	
Written national policy on alcohol	No written national or sub-national policies
Coordinating centre for implementation of national policy on alcohol	No
Regular comprehensive report on alcohol situation	Yes
Role played by NGOs in prevention of underage drinking / targeted support for harmful and hazardous drinkers / prevention of drink-driving / public policy development to reduce alcohol-related harm	Medium importance
Role played by alcohol retailers and HORECA businesses in prevention of underage drinking / targeted support for harmful and hazardous drinkers / prevention of drink-driving / public policy development to reduce alcohol-related harm	Low importance / low importance / no involvement / no involvement
Role played by academia and research organisations in prevention of underage drinking / targeted support for harmful and hazardous drinkers / prevention of drink-driving / public policy development to reduce alcohol-related harm	High importance
Laws and regulations	
1. Nation-wide awareness raising activities	Yes, in the following areas: young people's drinking, drink-driving, alcohol's impact on health, social harms, alcohol and pregnancy, alcohol at work
Health warning labels legally required on alcohol advertisements / bottles and containers of alcoholic beverages	No
School-based education	Yes, educational programmes as part of school curriculum
2. Primary Health care response	
Brief intervention introduced as method of health promotion and disease prevention	Yes

Clinical guidelines for brief intervention approved or endorsed by at least one health care professional body	Yes
Regular training in screening and brief interventions introduced	No
Counselling to children in families with alcohol problems/ to pregnant women with alcohol use disorders or alcohol problems	Yes
3. Community action, including work places	
Community-based interventions/projects involving stakeholders	Yes, involving NGOs and local governmental bodies
National guidelines for implementing effective community-based interventions	No
Interventions/projects actively involving young people and civil society	Yes
Prevention or counselling programmes at workplace	Yes
National guidelines for prevention and counselling at workplace	Yes
4. Drink-driving policies and countermeasures	
Maximum legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) when driving a vehicle for general population / young and novice drivers / professional and commercial drivers (in mg %)	0,05 / 0,01 / 0,01
Check points and breath testing	Random breath testing at roadside checkpoints and by special mobile patrol units, selective breath testing
Mandatory driver education / treatment programme for repeated/habitual offenders	No
Alcohol locks	No
5. Addressing the availability of alcohol	
Retail monopolies (National control for production and sale of alcohol)	Yes, monopoly for off-premise sales for strong beer, wine, spirits
License system (National control for production and sale of alcohol)	Yes, licencing for production, on- and off-premise sales of beer, wine, and spirits
Minimum legal drinking age	Yes at national level, 20 years
Legal age limits for on- and off-premise sales for beer / wine / spirits	20 years
Hours, days and places of sales are restricted for on- and off-premise sales of beer / wine / spirits	Yes
Density of outlets is restricted for on- and off-premise sales of beer / wine / spirits	No



Alcohol-free public environments	Total ban for health care establishments, educational buildings, and public transport Partial statutory restriction for government office, and sporting events Voluntary /self-regulation for parks, streets etc., leisure events, workplaces and religious places
6. Addressing marketing of alcohol beverages	
Legally binding regulations on alcohol advertising	Yes, at the national level: - total ban for beer / wine / spirits on national and private TV, national and local radio, printed newspapers/magazines, billboards, points of sale, cinema
Legally binding regulations on alcohol product placement	Yes, at the national level: - total ban for beer / wine / spirits on national and private TV
Regulations on alcohol sponsorship and sales promotion	Yes, at the sub-national level: - partial statutory restrictions on industry sponsorships of sports and youth events; and on sales promotions from producer Yes, at the national level: - voluntary agreement / self-restrictions on sales promotions from retailers - no restrictions on sales promotions from owners of pubs/bar
7. Pricing policies	
Excise duty tax on beer / wine / spirits	Yes
Price measures other than taxation	No
8. Drinking environments	
Regular server training courses	Yes, organised by enforcement agencies
9. Reducing the public health impact of illegally and informally produced alcohol	
Rules to prevent illegal production and sales of home- or informally produced alcoholic beverages	Yes, enforcement by criminal law, penalties: prison & fines



10. Monitoring and evaluation	
Regular comprehensive report on alcohol situation	Yes

Reference: WHO European Survey on Alcohol and Health, 2011