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Dear Customer,

Thank you for your enquiry.

We have worked closely with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to ensure that Westlab is compliant with the relevant concessional spirit regulations in relation to the purchase of Undenatured Alcohol.

What is the difference between undenatured and denatured alcohol?

Undenatured Alcohol – Restricted for purchase in Australia. It is also known simply as ethanol or alcohol.

Denatured Alcohol – Unrestricted for purchase in Australia as it has been made unfit for human consumption. It contains additives to make the alcohol poisonous. The most common example is Methylated Spirits that contains approximately 10% methanol.

Who is eligible to purchase undenatured alcohol in Australia?

If you hold one of the following positions, you are automatically eligible to purchase and use ethanol for approved purchases, without requiring a Concessional Spirits Permit.

- Health care practitioner
- Veterinary practitioner
- Employed for a medical, government or educational institution

If you do not work for one of the above institutions or practices, you can apply for the permit if you intend on using the ethanol for an approved industrial, manufacturing, scientific, medical, veterinary or educational purposes.

How to apply?

To apply for a Concessional Spirits Permit, you will need to complete the *Application for approval to use spirits (NAT 3248) form* from the ATO. In addition, the form can also be used to renew an existing permit that is close to expiry and/or amend the details on an existing permit.

On the application, you will need to specify Westlab Pty Ltd as the nominated supplier. Once the permit has been approved and you place an order, we will require a copy of the permit to be kept on file.

To access the permit, visit: <https://www.ato.gov.au/Forms/Application-for-approval-to-use-spirits/?anchor=Whentousethisapplication#Whentousethisapplication>.

Kind regards,

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