

Enforcement Services



Best Practice Guidance for Premises Licence & Club Premises Licence Holders

Licensing Objectives and Aims

The licensing objectives are:

- ❖ The prevention of crime and disorder
- ❖ Public safety
- ❖ The prevention of public nuisance
- ❖ The protection of children from harm

Each objective is of equal importance. The promotion of the four objectives is a paramount consideration at all times.

The legislation also supports a number of other key aims and purposes, they include:

- ❖ Protecting the public and local residents from crime, anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance caused by irresponsible licensed premises.
- ❖ Giving the police and licensing authorities the powers they need to effectively manage and take action against those premises that are causing problems.
- ❖ Recognising the important role which pubs and other licensed premises play in our local communities by minimising the regulatory burden on businesses, encouraging innovation and supporting responsible premises.
- ❖ Providing a regulatory framework for alcohol which reflects the needs of local communities and empowers local authorities to make and enforce decisions about the most appropriate licensing strategies for their local area.
- ❖ Encouraging greater community involvement in licensing decisions and giving local residents the opportunity to have their say regarding licensing decisions that may affect them.

The Licence

A premises licence authorises the use of any premises (which is defined in the 2003 Act as a vehicle, vessel of moveable structure or any part of any premises) for licensable activities defined in Section 1 of the Act. The holder of the premises licence must ensure that the licence or a certified copy of it is kept at the premises in the custody or under the control of:

- The holder of the licence, or,
- A person who works at the premises and whom the holder of the licence has nominated in writing.

Display of the Premises Licence Summary

The holder of the premises licence must ensure that:

- The summary of the licence or a certified copy of that summary, and,
- A notice specifying the position held at the premises by any person nominated,

Are permanently displayed at the premises.

The holder of a premises licence commits an offence if he/she fails, without reasonable justification, to comply.

A constable or an authorised person may require the person who is required to have the premises licence (or a certified copy of it) in his/her custody or under his/her control to produce the licence (or such copy) for examination.

A person commits an offence if he/she fails, without reasonable justification, to produce a premises licence or certified copy of a premises licence.

Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS)

Every premises that authorises the sale of alcohol must specify a DPS. This will normally be the person who has been given day to day responsibility for running the premises by the premise licence holder.

The government considers it essential that police officers, fire officers or officers of the licensing authority can identify immediately the DPS so that any problems can be dealt with swiftly.

Any constable or authorised officer may require the holder of the personal licence to produce that licence for examination. A person who fails without reasonable justification to comply is guilty of an offence.

Door Supervisors

Where a premises licence includes a condition that at specified times one or more individuals must be at the premises to carry out a security activity, the licence must include a condition that each such individual must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.

Conditions

Conditions include any limitations or restrictions attached to a licence or certificate and essentially are the steps or actions that the holder of the premises licence or the club premises certificate will be required to take or refrain from taking in relation to the carrying on of licensable activities at the premises in question. Failure to comply with any condition attached to a licence or certificate is a criminal offence.

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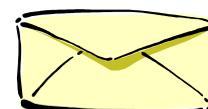
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