
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1985 No. 1204

**The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and
Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985**

PART V

AMUSEMENTS AND COMPETITIONS

Pleasure permits

Grant of pleasure permits

157.—(1) An application for the grant of a pleasure permit shall be made by the person who is, or by any person who proposes to be, the occupier of the premises for which the pleasure permit is sought to the district council for the district in which those premises are situated and the applicant shall—

- (a) attach to the application a fee of £8.50; and
- (b) serve a copy of the application upon the sub-divisional commander of the police sub-division in which those premises are situated.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), where an application is made for the grant of a pleasure permit, the district council, after hearing representations, if any, from the sub-divisional commander upon whom notice is required by paragraph (1) to be served—

- (a) may grant the pleasure permit; or
- (b) may refuse to grant the pleasure permit.

(3) A district council shall refuse an application for the grant of a pleasure permit unless it is satisfied—

- (a) that the applicant is a fit person to hold a pleasure permit; and
- (b) that the applicant will not allow the business proposed to be carried on under the pleasure permit to be managed by, or carried on for the benefit of, a person other than the applicant who would himself be refused the grant of a pleasure permit; and
- (c) ^{F1}

(4) A district council shall grant the pleasure permit subject to the condition that the premises are not to be used for an unlawful purpose or as a resort of persons of known bad character.

(5) A district council may grant a pleasure permit subject to the condition—

- (a) that the premises are illuminated in the manner specified by the council; or
- (b) that advertising of, and window displays on, the premises are in the form specified by the council; or
- (c) that such notices are displayed and such information given on the premises as the council specifies in relation to any condition to which the pleasure permit is subject.

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(6) The Department may, by order subject to affirmative resolution, substitute for the fee specified in paragraph (1)(a) such other fee as may be specified in the order.

F1 Art. 157(3)(c) repealed (15.11.2010) by [Fire and Rescue Services \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1254 \(N.I. 9\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 63(2), [Sch. 4](#) (with art. 62); S.R. 2010/328, [art. 2](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Instrument applied by [1997 c. 16 s.15\(3\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied by [1997 c. 16 s.15\(3\)](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 172A and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 14 \(N.I.\) s. 15\(1\)](#)
- art. 186(3A) inserted by [2022 c. 14 \(N.I.\) s. 15\(2\)\(a\)](#)