

SCHEDULES

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APPLICATIONS FOR THE TRANSFER OF LICENCES

PART I

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1. A person who intends to make an application for the transfer of a licence shall—

- (a) not more than 6 weeks nor less than 2 weeks before the time of the court sitting at which the application is to be made, cause notice of the application to be published at least once in 2 newspapers circulating in the vicinity of the premises for which the transfer is sought;
- (b) not less than 3 weeks before that time, serve notice of the application upon the clerk of petty sessions and at the same time serve a copy of the notice upon—
 - (i) the sub-divisional commander of the police sub-division in which the premises are situated;
 - (ii) where the applicant resides in some other police sub-division, upon the sub-divisional commander of that sub-division;
 - (iii) the district council for the district in which the premises are situated.

2. The notices mentioned in paragraph 1 shall specify the kind of premises for which the transfer of the licence is sought and shall be in such form and contain such other information as may be prescribed by magistrates' courts rules.

3. A sub-divisional commander upon whom notice is required by paragraph 1 to be served, the district council mentioned in that paragraph or any person owning, or residing or carrying on business in, premises in the vicinity of the premises for which the transfer of the licence is sought may appear at the hearing of the application and object to the transfer of the licence on any ground mentioned in Article 22(6).

4. A person intending to object under paragraph 3 shall, not less than 1 week before the time of the court sitting at which the application is to be made,—

- (a) serve upon the applicant notice of his intention to object, briefly stating his grounds for so doing;
- (b) serve a copy of the notice upon the clerk of petty sessions.

5.—(1) Before or at the hearing of the application for the transfer of a licence, the applicant shall deposit the licence with the clerk of petty sessions.

(2) Where the applicant has not possession of the licence and the court has reason to believe that the licence is in the possession of some other person the court may order that person to deposit it with the clerk within a period specified in the order and if he contravenes the order without reasonable excuse he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to both.

Changes to legislation:

The Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, PART I is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 August 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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

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

- art. 57B inserted by [2011 c. 18 \(N.I.\) s. 5](#)