

*These notes refer to the Licensing Act 2003 (c.17)
which received Royal Assent on 10 July 2003*

LICENSING ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

PART 3: Premises licences

Section 16 – Applicant for premises licence

56. This section lists the categories of persons who may apply for a premises licence in respect of any premises. The principal category is anyone who carries on or proposes to carry on a business involving licensable activities on the premises. This will cover any individual (aged at least 18) or business which wishes to carry on, on a commercial basis, the sale of alcohol, the supply of alcohol by a club, or the provision of regulated entertainment (see Schedule 1) or of late night refreshment (see Schedule 2).
57. The section also provides that the following may apply for a premises licence: a person exercising a statutory function (for example, a local authority); a person exercising any function by virtue of the Royal prerogative (for example, a body exercising functions by virtue of a royal charter); recognised clubs (see note on Part 4); charities; educational institutions; health bodies in the public and private sector; the police; and any other category of person prescribed in regulations made by the Secretary of State.