



Licensing Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 17

PART 3

PREMISES LICENCES

Introductory

11 Premises licence

In this Act “premises licence” means a licence granted under this Part, in respect of any premises, which authorises the premises to be used for one or more licensable activities.

12 The relevant licensing authority

- (1) For the purposes of this Part the “relevant licensing authority” in relation to any premises is determined in accordance with this section.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the relevant licensing authority is the authority in whose area the premises are situated.
- (3) Where the premises are situated in the areas of two or more licensing authorities, the relevant licensing authority is—
 - (a) the licensing authority in whose area the greater or greatest part of the premises is situated, or
 - (b) if there is no authority to which paragraph (a) applies, such one of those authorities as is nominated in accordance with subsection (4).
- (4) In a case within subsection (3)(b)—
 - (a) an applicant for a premises licence must nominate one of the licensing authorities as the relevant licensing authority in relation to the application and any licence granted as a result of it, and

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- (b) an applicant for a statement under section 29 (provisional statement) in respect of the premises must nominate one of the licensing authorities as the relevant licensing authority in relation to the statement.

13 Authorised persons, interested parties and responsible authorities

- (1) In this Part in relation to any premises each of the following expressions has the meaning given to it by this section—

“authorised person”,

“interested party”,

“responsible authority”.

- (2) “Authorised person” means any of the following—

(a) an officer of a licensing authority in whose area the premises are situated who is authorised by that authority for the purposes of this Act,

[^{F1}(b) an inspector appointed by the fire and rescue authority for the area in which the premises are situated.]

(c) an inspector appointed under section 19 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (c. 37),

(d) an officer of a local authority, in whose area the premises are situated, who is authorised by that authority for the purposes of exercising one or more of its statutory functions in relation to minimising or preventing the risk of pollution of the environment or of harm to human health,

(e) in relation to a vessel, an inspector, or a surveyor of ships, appointed under section 256 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (c. 21),

(f) a person prescribed for the purposes of this subsection.

- (3) “Interested party” means any of the following—

(a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises,

(b) a body representing persons who live in that vicinity,

(c) a person involved in a business in that vicinity,

(d) a body representing persons involved in such businesses.

[^{F2}(e) a member of the relevant licensing authority.]

- (4) “Responsible authority” means any of the following—

(a) the chief officer of police for any police area in which the premises are situated,

(b) the [^{F3}fire and rescue authority] for any area in which the premises are situated,

(c) the enforcing authority within the meaning given by section 18 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 for any area in which the premises are situated,

(d) the local planning authority within the meaning given by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c. 8) for any area in which the premises are situated,

(e) the local authority by which statutory functions are exercisable in any area in which the premises are situated in relation to minimising or preventing the risk of pollution of the environment or of harm to human health,

(f) a body which—

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- (i) represents those who, in relation to any such area, are responsible for, or interested in, matters relating to the protection of children from harm, and
 - (ii) is recognised by the licensing authority for that area for the purposes of this section as being competent to advise it on such matters,
- (g) any licensing authority (other than the relevant licensing authority) in whose area part of the premises is situated,
- (h) in relation to a vessel—
- (i) a navigation authority (within the meaning of section 221(1) of the Water Resources Act 1991 (c. 57) having functions in relation to the waters where the vessel is usually moored or berthed or any waters where it is, or is proposed to be, navigated at a time when it is used for licensable activities,
 - (ii) the Environment Agency,
 - (iii) the British Waterways Board, or
 - (iv) the Secretary of State,
- (i) a person prescribed for the purposes of this subsection.
- (5) For the purposes of this section, “statutory function” means a function conferred by or under any enactment.

Annotations:

Amendments (Textual)

- F1** S. 13(2)(b) substituted (1.4.2006) by [The Regulatory Reform \(Fire Safety\) Order 2005](#) (S.I. 2005/1541), art. 53(1), [Sch. 2 para. 50\(2\)](#) (with art. 49)
- F2** S. 13(3)(e) inserted (29.1.2010) by [Policing and Crime Act 2009](#) (c. 26), [ss. 33\(1\)](#), 116; S.I. 2010/125, [art. 2\(j\)](#)
- F3** Words in s. 13(4)(b) substituted (7.9.2004 for E. for certain purposes and 1.10.2004 otherwise and 10.11.2004 for W.) by [Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004](#) (c. 21), [ss. 53](#), 61, [Sch. 1 para. 98\(2\)\(3\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2004/2304, {art. 1 (1)} {(2)}; S.I. 2004/2917, [art. 2](#)

Commencement Information

- II** S. 13 wholly in force at 7.2.2005; s. 13 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 201; s. 13(2)(f)(4)(i) in force at 16.12.2003 by S.I. 2003/3222, [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#); s. 13(1)(2)(a)-(e)(3)(4)(a)-(h)(5) in force at 7.2.2005 by S.I. 2004/2360, [art. 2](#) (Sch.)

14 Meaning of “supply of alcohol”

For the purposes of this Part the “supply of alcohol” means—

- (a) the sale by retail of alcohol, or
- (b) the supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of the club.

15 Meaning of “designated premises supervisor”

- (1) In this Act references to the “designated premises supervisor”, in relation to a premises licence, are to the individual for the time being specified in that licence as the premises supervisor.

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- (2) Nothing in this Act prevents an individual who holds a premises licence from also being specified in the licence as the premises supervisor.

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

- Act modified by [S.I. 2007/1118 art. 6](#)
- Act modified by [S.I. 2008/2867 reg. 12\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Blanket Amendment words substituted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 11 para. 1\(2\)](#)

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

- s. 55A applied (with modifications) by [2011 c. 13 s. 129\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 55A inserted by [2011 c. 13 s. 120\(3\)](#)
- s. 92A applied (with modifications) by [2011 c. 13 s. 129\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 92A inserted by [2011 c. 13 s. 120\(5\)](#)
- s. 99A inserted by [2011 c. 13 s. 112\(2\)](#)
- s. 100A inserted by [2011 c. 13 s. 114\(4\)](#)
- s. 104A inserted by [2011 c. 13 s. 114\(7\)](#)
- s. 106A inserted by [2011 c. 13 s. 113\(3\)](#)
- s. 169A-169B inserted by [2006 c. 38 s. 24\(1\)](#)
- s. 169A(2)(a) words substituted by [2011 c. 13 s. 118\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 169A(4) words substituted by [2011 c. 13 s. 118\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 177A inserted by [2012 c. 2 s. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 197A 197B inserted by [2011 c. 13 s. 121\(2\)](#)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Licensing Act 2003:

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2003/1911 art. 2](#) commences [\(2003 c. 17\)](#)
- [S.I. 2003/2100 art. 2](#) commences [\(2003 c. 17\)](#)
- [S.I. 2003/3222 art. 2](#) commences [\(2003 c. 17\)](#)
- [S.I. 2004/1738 art. 2](#) commences [\(2003 c. 17\)](#)
- [S.I. 2004/2360 art. 2 Sch.](#) commences [\(2003 c. 17\)](#)
- [S.I. 2005/2090 art. 2 Sch.](#) commences [\(2003 c. 17\)](#)
- [S.I. 2005/2091 art. 2](#) commences [\(2003 c. 17\)](#)
- [S.I. 2005/3056 art. 2 3](#) commences [\(2003 c. 17\)](#)

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2004/2304 art. 2](#) commences [\(2004 c. 21\)](#)
- [S.I. 2004/2917 art. 2](#) commences [\(2004 c. 21\)](#)
- [S.I. 2005/3175 art. 2 3](#) commences [\(2004 c. 33\)](#)
- [S.I. 2005/3495 art. 2](#) commences [\(2005 c. 15\)](#)
- [S.I. 2006/378 art. 2-7 Sch.](#) commences [\(2005 c. 15\)](#)
- [S.I. 2006/3200 art. 2](#) commences [\(2006 c. 35\)](#)
- [S.I. 2006/3272 art. 2 Sch. 1-3](#) commences [\(2005 c. 19\)](#)
- [S.I. 2007/858 art. 2 3](#) commences [\(2006 c. 38\)](#)
- [S.I. 2007/1157 art. 2-12 Sch. 1 2](#) amendment to earlier commencing SI [2006/3272](#)
- [S.I. 2007/1897 art. 2](#) commences [\(2005 c. 9\)](#)
- [S.I. 2007/2169 art. 2](#) amendment to earlier commencing SI [2006/3272](#)
- [S.I. 2007/2180 art. 2-4](#) commences [\(2006 c. 38\)](#)
- [S.I. 2007/3155 art. 2](#) commences [\(2005 c. 19\)](#)
- [S.I. 2008/3267 art. 2](#) commences [\(2006 c. 50\)](#)
- [S.I. 2009/1604 art. 2](#) commences [\(2005 c. 4\)](#)
- [S.I. 2009/2648 art. 3](#) amendment to earlier commencing SI [2008/3267](#)
- [S.I. 2009/3250 art. 2](#) commences [\(2007 c. 29\)](#)

- [S.I. 2010/125 art. 2-4](#) commences (2009 c. 26)
- [S.I. 2010/722 art. 3](#) commences (2009 c. 26)
- [S.I. 2010/999 art. 2-4](#) commences (2009 c. 26)
- [S.I. 2010/1375 art. 2 3](#) commences (2009 c. 26)
- [S.I. 2010/1942 art. 2](#) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2008/3267
- [S.I. 2011/1725 Sch. para. 6](#) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2008/3267
- [S.I. 2011/3019 art. 3 Sch. 1](#) Comencement Order
- [S.S.I. 2007/472 arts. 2 3 Sch. 1 2](#) commences (2005 asp 16)