



Licensing Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 17

PART 2

LICENSING AUTHORITIES

The authorities

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- (1) In this Act “licensing authority” means—
 - (a) the council of a district in England,
 - (b) the council of a county in England in which there are no district councils,
 - (c) the council of a county or county borough in Wales,
 - (d) the council of a London borough,
 - (e) the Common Council of the City of London,
 - (f) the Sub-Treasurer of the Inner Temple,
 - (g) the Under-Treasurer of the Middle Temple, or
 - (h) the Council of the Isles of Scilly.
- (2) For the purposes of this Act, a licensing authority’s area is the area for which the authority acts.

Changes to legislation:

Licensing Act 2003, Cross Heading: The authorities is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 April 2024. 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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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 5A inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 67\(2\)](#)Sch. 17
- s. 2(1A) inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 67\(1\)](#)
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- s. 143(2)(e) inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 67\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 144(2)(e) inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 67\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 147A(4)(c) inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 67\(8\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 153(4)(d) inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 67\(9\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 197(3)(cza) inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 67\(12\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 197A197B inserted by [2011 c. 13 s. 121\(2\)](#)