



Licensing Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 17

PART 3

PREMISES LICENCES

Duration of licence

27 Death, incapacity, insolvency etc. of licence holder

- (1) A premises licence lapses if the holder of the licence—
- (a) dies,
 - [^{F1}(b) becomes a person who lacks capacity (within the meaning of the Mental Capacity Act 2005) to hold the licence,]
 - (c) becomes insolvent,
 - (d) is dissolved, or
 - (e) if it is a club, ceases to be a recognised club.

[^{F2}(1A) A premises licence that authorises premises to be used for a licensable activity within section 1(1)(a) or (d) also lapses if the holder of the licence ceases to be entitled to work in the United Kingdom at a time when the holder of the licence is resident in the United Kingdom (or becomes so resident without being entitled to work in the United Kingdom).]

- (2) This section is subject to sections 47 and 50 (which make provision for the reinstatement of the licence in certain circumstances).
- (3) For the purposes of this section, an individual becomes insolvent on—
- (a) the approval of a voluntary arrangement proposed by him,
 - (b) being [^{F3}made] bankrupt or having his estate sequestrated, or
 - (c) entering into ^{F4}... a trust deed for his creditors.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, a company becomes insolvent on—
- (a) the approval of a voluntary arrangement proposed by its directors,

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- (b) the appointment of an administrator in respect of the company,
 - (c) the appointment of an administrative receiver in respect of the company, or
 - (d) going into liquidation.
- (5) An expression used in this section and in the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) has the same meaning in this section as in that Act.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 27(1)(b) substituted (1.10.2007) by [Mental Capacity Act 2005 \(c. 9\)](#), ss. 67(1), 68(1)-(3), [Sch. 6 para. 46\(2\)](#) (with ss. 27, 28, 29, 62); S.I. 2007/1897, [art. 2](#)
- F2** S. 27(1A) inserted (6.4.2017) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 4 para. 5](#) (with Sch. 4 para. 34); S.I. 2017/380, [reg. 2\(b\)](#)
- F3** Word in s. 27(3)(b) substituted (6.4.2016) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Bankruptcy\) and the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/481\)](#), [reg. 1](#), [Sch. 1 para. 18](#)
- F4** Words in s. 27(3)(c) omitted (1.10.2015) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(7), [Sch. 6 para. 2\(17\)](#) (with Sch. 6 para. 3); S.I. 2015/1732, [art. 2\(e\)\(i\)](#)

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

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\(1\)](#)
- s. 10(4)(e) and word inserted by [2011 c. 13 s. 121\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 140(2)(e) inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 67\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 141(2)(e) inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 67\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- 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\(2\)](#)