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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2018 No. 486**

**The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018**

**PART 2**

Grant, renewal and variation with consent of a licence and inspection of premises

**Conditions of grant or renewal of a licence**

4.—(1) This regulation applies where—

- (a) a local authority has received from an operator an application in writing for the grant or renewal of a licence to carry on a licensable activity on premises in the local authority's area, and
- (b) the application gives such information as the local authority has required.

(2) The local authority must—

- (a) appoint one or more suitably qualified inspectors to inspect any premises on which the licensable activity or any part of it is being or is to be carried on, and
- (b) following that inspection, grant a licence to the operator, or renew the operator's licence, in accordance with the application if it is satisfied that—
  - (i) the licence conditions will be met,
  - (ii) any appropriate fee has been paid in accordance with regulation 13, and
  - (iii) the grant or renewal is appropriate having taken into account the report submitted to it in accordance with regulation 10.

(3) A local authority must attach to each licence granted or renewed—

- (a) the general conditions, and
- (b) the relevant specific conditions.

(4) On receipt of an application in writing for the grant or renewal of a licence in respect of the activity described in paragraph 6 of Schedule 1, if no inspector appointed under paragraph (2)(a) is a listed veterinarian, the local authority must appoint a listed veterinarian to inspect the premises with the inspector appointed under that paragraph.

(5) On receipt of an application in writing for the grant of a licence in respect of the activity described in paragraph 8 of Schedule 1, if no inspector appointed under paragraph (2)(a) is a veterinarian, the local authority must appoint a veterinarian to inspect the premises with the inspector appointed under that paragraph.

(6) Paragraph (5) does not apply where the application is for the grant of such a licence which is to have effect immediately after the remainder of the term of a licence mentioned in regulation 27(5).

(7) In considering whether the licence conditions will be met, a local authority must take account of the applicant's conduct as the operator of the licensable activity to which the application for the

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grant or renewal relates, whether the applicant is a fit and proper person to be the operator of that activity and any other relevant circumstances.

(8) A local authority must not grant a licence to an operator, or renew an operator's licence, in any circumstances other than those described in these Regulations.

(9) All licences granted or renewed in relation to any of the licensable activities are subject to the licence conditions.

### **Period of licence**

5. A local authority may grant or renew a licence—

- (a) for a period of one, two or three years in respect of the activity or any part of the activity described in paragraph 2, 4, 6 or 8 of Schedule 1 if it is satisfied that a period of one, two or three years, as the case may be, is appropriate on the basis of its assessment, having regard to such guidance as may be issued by the Secretary of State, of—
  - (i) the risk of an operator breaching any licence conditions;
  - (ii) the impact on animal welfare of any such breaches; and
  - (iii) whether the operator is already meeting higher standards of animal welfare than are required by the licence conditions;
- (b) for a period of three years in respect of the activity or any part of the activity described in paragraph 10 of Schedule 1.

### **Power to take samples from animals**

6. An inspector may, for the purposes of ensuring the licence conditions are being complied with, take samples for laboratory testing from any animals on premises occupied by an operator.

### **Duty to assist in the taking of samples from animals**

7. An operator must comply with any reasonable request of an inspector to facilitate the identification and examination of an animal and the taking of samples in accordance with regulation 6 and, in particular, must arrange the suitable restraint of an animal if so requested by an inspector.

### **Hiring out horses: requirement for annual inspection of premises**

8.—(1) Where there is a licence in force in relation to an activity described in paragraph 6 of Schedule 1, the local authority must appoint a listed veterinarian to inspect the premises on which the activity is being carried on.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), the authority must make an appointment for an inspection to take place before the end of the first anniversary of the day on which the licence, as granted or renewed, came into force and before the end of each subsequent year in respect of which the licence remains in force.

### **Variation of a licence on the application, or with the consent, of a licence holder**

9. A local authority may at any time vary a licence—

- (a) on the application in writing of the licence holder, or
- (b) on its own initiative, with the consent in writing of the licence holder.

### **Inspector's report**

**10.**—(1) Where a local authority arranges an inspection pursuant to regulation 4(2)(a), it must arrange for the submission to it of a report by the inspector.

(2) The inspector's report must—

- (a) contain information about the operator, any relevant premises, any relevant records, the condition of any animals and any other relevant matter, and
- (b) state whether or not the inspector considers that the licence conditions will be met.

### **Persons who may not apply for a licence**

**11.**—(1) The following persons may not apply for a licence in respect of any licensable activity—

- (a) a person listed as a disqualified person in paragraph 4 or any of paragraphs 6 to 17 of Schedule 8 where the time limit for any appeal against that disqualification has expired or where, if an appeal was made, that appeal was refused;
- (b) a person listed in any of paragraphs 1 to 3 and 5 of Schedule 8 as having held a licence which was revoked where the time limit for any appeal against that revocation has expired or where, if an appeal was made, that appeal was refused.

(2) Any licence granted or renewed, or held by, a person mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) or (b) is automatically revoked.

### **Death of a licence holder**

**12.**—(1) In the event of the death of a licence holder, the licence is deemed to have been granted to, or renewed in respect of, the personal representatives of that former licence holder.

(2) In the circumstances described in paragraph (1), the licence is to remain in force for three months beginning with the date of the death of the former licence holder or for as long as it was due to remain in force but for the death (whichever period is shorter) but remains subject to the provisions in Part 3.

(3) The personal representatives must notify in writing the local authority which granted or renewed the licence that they are now the licence holders within 28 days beginning with the date of the death of the former licence holder.

(4) If the personal representatives fail so to notify the local authority within the period specified in paragraph (3), the licence shall cease to have effect on the expiry of that period.

(5) The local authority which granted or renewed the licence may, on the application of the personal representatives, extend the period specified in paragraph (2) for up to three months if it is satisfied that the extension is necessary for the purpose of winding up the estate of the former licence holder and is appropriate in all the circumstances.

### **Fees**

**13.**—(1) A local authority may charge such fees as it considers necessary for—

- (a) the consideration of an application for the grant, renewal or variation of a licence including any inspection relating to that consideration, and for the grant, renewal or variation,
- (b) the reasonable anticipated costs of consideration of a licence holder's compliance with these Regulations and the licence conditions to which the licence holder is subject in circumstances other than those described in sub-paragraph (a) including any inspection relating to that consideration,

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- (c) the reasonable anticipated costs of enforcement in relation to any licensable activity of an unlicensed operator, and
  - (d) the reasonable anticipated costs of compliance with regulation 29.
- (2) The fee charged for the consideration of an application for the grant, renewal or variation of a licence and for any inspection relating to that consideration must not exceed the reasonable costs of that consideration and related inspection.

### **Guidance**

**14.** A local authority must have regard in the carrying out of its functions under these Regulations to such guidance as may be issued by the Secretary of State.

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