



Licensing Act 2003

New licensing law

Don't put your
business at risk

**APPLY NOW
FOR YOUR NEW
LICENCE**

Does the new law affect my business?

If you or your business:

- sell alcohol
- provide public entertainment, such as live music, theatre or cinema
- sell hot food or drink after 11 pm

You must apply for a new licence or certificate, even if:

- you hold an existing licence
- your licence is not yet up for renewal
- you do not currently need a licence (eg late-night takeaways)

Every business or organisation must secure a new licence to continue trading. Some businesses will need a licence for the first time.

DON'T DELAY – you must have your new licence in time for 24 November 2005. The application process will take time, so you must apply now. If you leave it too late, you risk closure or prosecution.

If you hold an existing licence:

The 6 August deadline for preserving your existing licence conditions has now passed. **You must apply for a new licence NOW if you want to continue trading. All existing licences expire on 24 November.**

If you do not hold a licence but conduct one of the activities listed above:

You must apply for a licence NOW. If you do not have a licence when the new law comes into force on 24 November, you will be trading illegally.

How do I apply?

For an application form, contact your **local authority licensing team**.

For help in getting started or to find out if you need a licence, call the Licensing Act information line: 020 7072 7447 (Mon-Fri, 8.30am-5.30pm, calls charged at standard rates).

Businesses affected by the new law include:

Restaurants

Late-night takeaways

Off licences

Convenience stores

Hotels and guesthouses

Village or community halls

Theatres

Concert halls and music venues

Indoor sports venues and centres

Pleasure boats and other vessels

Members' clubs

Cinemas

Pubs and bars

Nightclubs

Supermarkets

This list is not exhaustive. If you are unsure about whether you need a licence, contact the information line or your local authority for advice.

**DON'T RISK CLOSURE OR PROSECUTION
APPLY FOR YOUR LICENCE NOW**



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