

Who needs a New Premises License?

Any individual or business who will be carrying out one of the following licensable activities:

Sale by retail of alcohol

The retail sale of alcohol is the sale of alcoholic products to the general public from a retail setting such as a supermarket, restaurant, pub or off-licence. This does not include the sale of alcohol from wholesalers. Alcohol means products where the alcohol content at the time of sale exceeds 0.5%. There are some very specific exemptions where certain products are not classed as alcohol for the purposes of sale by retail of alcohol, such as liqueur confectionery.

Provision of Regulated Entertainment

Regulated entertainment is:

- A performance of a play which takes place in front of an audience of more than 500 people and/or between the hours of 23:00 and 08:00
- An exhibition of a film
- An indoor sporting event which takes place in front of an audience of more than 1000 people and/or between the hours of 23:00 and 08:00
- A boxing or wrestling entertainment (not including Greco-Roman wrestling or freestyle wrestling between two participants) which takes place in front of an audience of more than 1000 people and/or between the hours of 23:00 and 08:00 and/or where both the activity and the spectators are not wholly accommodated within a building
- Performance of live music (or entertainment of a similar description) in front of an audience of more than 500 and/or between the hours of 23:00 and 08:00
- Any playing of recorded music (or entertainment of a similar description) in front of an audience of more than 500 people and/or between the hours of 23:00 and 08:00
- A performance of dance (or entertainment of a similar description) in front of an audience of more than 500 and/or between the hours of 23:00 and 08:00.

There are a number of circumstances in which a premises licence, or other authorisation under the Act, for regulated entertainment is not required. The Act and Section 182 Guidance issued under the Act provides further details on this (see 'Related Documents' on the new premises license webpage).

Provision of Late-Night Refreshment

Late night refreshment is the sale of hot food or drink between the hours of 23:00 and 05:00. 'Hot' means food or drink supplied above the ambient air temperature at the time of supply, intended for consumption either on or off the premises. This includes supply of hot food or drink from premises like restaurants or pubs and takeaways.