



# Guidance for Applicants

## Applications for a personal licence

(Applications for first-time applications)

Section 117

LICENSING  
ACT 2003

## Making an Application & Applicant Eligibility

An applicant **must** apply to the licensing authority for the area in which (s)he is ordinarily resident.

The applicant must **NOT** already hold another personal licence or have applied for a personal licence with this or any other licensing authority.

To be eligible to apply, all applicants for the grant of a personal licence (ie: non-conversion applications) **must** meet the following criteria:

- ◆ The applicant must be 18+ years old;
- ◆ The applicant must have the right to work in the UK;
- ◆ The applicant must possess a licensing qualification (or be a person of prescribed description);
- ◆ The applicant must not have forfeited a personal licence in the last five years; and
- ◆ The applicant must not have been convicted of a relevant offence or foreign offence (although we may be able to grant a licence if there are no objections from the Police).

For all applications for the grant of a personal licence the following documents and submissions must be provided. Please note that unless otherwise stated, all documents must be original, as photocopies will **NOT** be accepted.

Please note that applications that do not meet the criteria detailed above may be deemed invalid and/or rejected.



## Application Form

For all first time applications for a personal licence, the application must be made on the prescribed form (See schedule 1 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Personal licences) Regulations 2005 (Statutory Instrument 2005 No.41)).



## Photographs

The application must be accompanied by two photographs of the applicant.

Each photograph must be:

- a) Taken against a light background so that the applicant's features are distinguishable and contrast against the background;
- b) 45 millimetres by 35 millimetres;
- c) Full face uncovered (without sunglasses) and, unless the applicant wears a head covering due to his/her religious beliefs, without a head covering; and
- d) On photographic paper.

One of the two photographs must be certified by a statement verifying the likeness of the photograph to the applicant by either the chief executive of the licensing justices for the relevant licensing authority, a solicitor, notary, bank or building society official, police officer, civil servant, minister of religion or any individual with a professional qualification. Certification should provide sufficient information on the individual making the statement such that the endorsement can be verified.



## Relevant (Foreign) Convictions

The application must be accompanied by one of the following disclosure certificates. Please note that any certificate or search results supplied **must NOT** have been issued any earlier than one calendar month before making the application for the personal licence to the licensing authority.

- a) A criminal conviction certificate issued under S112 of the Police Act 1997 (This is a Basic Disclosure Certificate – available from the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS)), or
- b) A criminal record certificate issued under S113a of the Police Act 1997 (This is a Standard Disclosure Certificate – available from the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS)), or
- c) The results of a subject access search under the Data Protection Act 1998 of the Police National Computer by the National Identification Service.

The contact details for the DBS are given below:

<b>Disclosure &amp; Barring Service</b>	<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.gov.uk">www.gov.uk</a>
PO Box 3961	<b>Information Line:</b> 0870 90 90 811
Wootton Bassett	<b>Disclosure Applications:</b> 0870 90 90 844
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In addition to the above, all applications must be accompanied by a declaration by the applicant (see form provided) that either:

- a) (s)he has **not been** convicted of a relevant offence or a foreign offence, or
- b) (s)he **has been** convicted of a relevant or a foreign offence accompanied by details of the nature and date of the conviction(s) and any sentence(s) imposed.

A list of relevant offences is given at Appendix A.



## Accredited Licensing Qualification(s)

The application must be accompanied by a copy of an 'accredited' licensing qualification that has been awarded to the applicant.

At the time of writing, the Secretary of State has accredited the following qualifications for personal licence holders, detailed below together with appropriate contact details.

Please note that the list of accredited qualifications may change from time to time as accreditation may be awarded to other organisations. Accordingly, applicants are advised to check the list of accredited courses available to them via the website of the Department for Culture, Media & Sport; [www.culture.gov.uk](http://www.culture.gov.uk).

### Accredited personal licence qualification providers

The Home Secretary has accredited the following personal licence qualifications under the Licensing Act 2003, commencing on 1 April 2011:

- **BIIAB** (QCF Recognition number RN5118)

- **Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders**

- Qualification accreditation number 501/1494/3 & 603/2468/5

- Website: [www.bii.org](http://www.bii.org)**

- Telephone: 01276 684 449

- Email: [qualifications@bii.org](mailto:qualifications@bii.org)**

- Address: BIIAB, Infor House, 1 Lakeside Road, Farnborough, Hampshire, GU14 6XP

- **HABC** (RQF)

- **Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders**

- Qualification accreditation number 603/2597/5

- Website: [www.highfieldabc.com](http://www.highfieldabc.com)**

- Telephone: 0845 226 0350

- Email: [info@highfieldabc.com](mailto:info@highfieldabc.com)**

- Address: Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance Ltd, Highfield House, Sidings Court, Lakeside, Doncaster, DN4 5NL.

- **SQA** (QCF Recognition number RN5167)

- **Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders**

- Qualification accreditation number 600/1269/9 & 603/2596/3

- Website: [www.sqa.org.uk](http://www.sqa.org.uk)**

- Telephone: 0845 279 1000

- E-mail: [customer@sqa.org.uk](mailto:customer@sqa.org.uk)**

- Address: The Optima Building, 58 Robertson Street Glasgow G2 8DQ.

- **LASER** (QCF Recognition number RN5326)

- **Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders**

- Qualification accreditation number 600/6446/8 & 603/2603/7

**Website:** [www.laser-awards.org.uk/](http://www.laser-awards.org.uk/)

Telephone: 01932 569894

**E-mail:** [enquiries@laser-awards.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@laser-awards.org.uk)

Address: 6 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6SD

- **IQ** (QCF Recognition number RN5330)

**Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders**

Qualification accreditation number 601/4980/2

**Website:** [www.industryqualifications.org.uk/](http://www.industryqualifications.org.uk/)

Telephone: 01952 457452

**E-mail:** [info@industryqualifications.org.uk](mailto:info@industryqualifications.org.uk)

Address: Head Office, Coppice House, Halesfield 7, Telford, TF7 4NA

- **Pearson Education Ltd** (QCF Recognition number RN5133)

**Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders**

Qualification accreditation number 601/3483/5 & 603/2538/0

**Website:** <http://qualifications.pearson.com>

Telephone: 0844 576 0045

**E-mail:** [wblcustomerservices@pearson.com](mailto:wblcustomerservices@pearson.com)

Address: 80 Strand, London, WC2R 0RL.

- **QNUK** (QCF Recognition number RN5133)

**Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders**

Qualification accreditation number 603/1021/2 & 603/2619/0

**Website:** <http://qualifications-network.co.uk/>

Telephone: 020 3795 0559

**E-mail:** [CentreSupport@Qualifications-Network.co.uk](mailto:CentreSupport@Qualifications-Network.co.uk)

Address: Qualifications Network, First Floor Offices, 86A Lancaster Road, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 0BX.

- **Qualsafe Awards** (RQF Recognition number RN5291)

**Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders**

Qualification accreditation number 603/5343/0

**Website:** <https://qualsafeawards.org/>

Telephone: 0845 644 3305

**E-mail:** [info@qualsafeawards.org](mailto:info@qualsafeawards.org)

Address: City View, 3 Wapping Road, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD3 0ED

- **SFJ Awards**

**Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders**

Qualification accreditation number 603/2659/1

**Website:** [www.sfjawards.com](http://www.sfjawards.com)

Telephone: 0114 284 1970

**E-mail:** [info@sfjawards.com](mailto:info@sfjawards.com)

Address: Consult House, 4 Hayland Street, Sheffield, S9 1BY

- **Training Qualifications UK** (Recognition number - RN5355)

**Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders**

Qualification accreditation number 603/2835/6 & 601/6508/X

**Website:** <https://www.tquk.org/>

Telephone: 03333 583344

**E-mail:** [account.managers@tquk.org](mailto:account.managers@tquk.org)

Address: 84 Liverpool Road, Cadishead, Manchester, M44 5AN

Please contact these bodies directly for information on courses, costs and availability in your area.

### Formerly accredited courses

The following courses were formerly accredited:

**BIAB Level 2 National Certificate for Personal Licence Holders. QCA**

Accreditation Number: 100/4866/2

**CIEH Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders (QCF)**

Accreditation number: 601/2104/X

**EDI Level 2 National Certificate for Personal Licence Holders. QCA**

Accreditation Number: 100/4865/0

**EDI Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders. QCF**

Accreditation number 500/9146/3

**GQAL Level 2 National Certificate for Personal Licence Holders. QCA**

Accreditation Number: 100/5040/1

**HABC Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders. QCA**

Accreditation Number: 500/7383/7

**HABC Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders. QCF**

Accreditation number 500/9974/7

**IQ (QCF Recognition number:RN5330) IQ Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders**

Qualification number: 603/2659/1

**IQ Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders (QCF)**

Qualification number: 601/4980/2

**NCFE Level 2 National Certificate for Personal Licence Holders. QCA**

Accreditation Number: 500/4228/2, 600/1323/0

**SQA Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders. QCA**

Accreditation Number: 500/8025/8

## Evidence of Right to Work

The application must be accompanied by a photocopy of your documentation showing your right to work in the UK e.g. British / EU passport, Visa.



## Fees & Charges

The application must be accompanied by the prescribed fee of £37.00.

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NB: Fees and charges are subject to change. Whilst we will endeavour to ensure all our publications are kept up-to-date, applicants are advised to check the current list of fees and charges at the point of making each application. A full list of current fees and charges is available on our website [www.rushmoor.gov.uk](http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk).

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## PERSONAL LICENCE: RELEVANT OFFENCES

### A.0 INTRODUCTION

A.1 The Licensing Authority will only recognise those relevant offences as prescribed in the Act and amendments/revisions thereof. The following details of relevant offences should therefore be treated as a summary only.

### A.2 RELEVANT OFFENCES

- 1) An offence under this Act.
- 2) An offence under any of the following enactments —
  - (a) Schedule 12 to the London Government Act 1963 (c. 33) (public entertainment licensing);
  - (b) the Licensing Act 1964 (c. 26);
  - (c) the Private Places of Entertainment (Licensing) Act 1967 (c. 19);
  - (d) section 13 of the Theatres Act 1968 (c. 54);
  - (e) the Late Night Refreshment Houses Act 1969 (c. 53);
  - (f) section 6 of, or Schedule 1 to, the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (c. 30);
  - (g) the Licensing (Occasional Permissions) Act 1983 (c. 24);
  - (h) the Cinemas Act 1985 (c. 13);
  - (i) the London Local Authorities Act 1990 (c. vii).
- 3) An offence under the Firearms Act 1968 (c. 27).
- 4) An offence under section 1 of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968 (c. 29) (false trade description of goods) in circumstances where the goods in question are or include alcohol.
- 5) An offence under any of the following provisions of the Theft Act 1968 (c. 60)—
  - (a) section 1 (theft);
  - (b) section 8 (robbery);
  - (c) section 9 (burglary);
  - (d) section 10 (aggravated burglary);
  - (e) section 11 (removal of articles from places open to the public);
  - (f) section 12A (aggravated vehicle-taking), in circumstances where subsection (2)(b) of that section applies and the accident caused the death of any person;
  - (g) section 13 (abstracting of electricity);
  - (h) section 15 (obtaining property by deception);
  - (i) section 15A (obtaining a money transfer by deception);
  - (j) section 16 (obtaining pecuniary advantage by deception);
  - (k) section 17 (false accounting);

- (l) section 19 (false statements by company directors etc.);
  - (m) section 20 (suppression, etc. of documents);
  - (n) section 21 (blackmail);
  - (o) section 22 (handling stolen goods);
  - (p) section 24A (dishonestly retaining a wrongful credit);
  - (q) section 25 (going equipped for stealing etc.).
- 6) An offence under section 7(2) of the Gaming Act 1968 (c. 65) (allowing child to take part in gaming on premises licensed for the sale of alcohol).
- 7) An offence under any of the following provisions of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (c. 38) —
- (a) section 4(2) (production of a controlled drug);
  - (b) section 4(3) (supply of a controlled drug);
  - (c) section 5(3) (possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply);
  - (d) section 8 (permitting activities to take place on premises).
- (A) An offence under any of the Immigration Acts.
- 8) An offence under either of the following provisions of the Theft Act 1978 (c. 31) —
- (a) section 1 (obtaining services by deception);
  - (b) section 2 (evasion of liability by deception).
- 9) An offence under either of the following provisions of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (c. 2) —
- (a) section 170 (disregarding subsection (1)(a)) (fraudulent evasion of duty etc.);
  - (b) section 170B (taking preparatory steps for evasion of duty).
- 10) An offence under either of the following provisions of the Tobacco Products Duty Act 1979 (c. 7) —
- (a) section 8G (possession and sale of unmarked tobacco);
  - (b) section 8H (use of premises for sale of unmarked tobacco).
- 11) An offence under the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 (c. 45) (other than an offence under section 18 or 19 of that Act).
- 12) An offence under the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988 (c. 45).
- 13) An offence under any of the following provisions of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c. 48) —
- (a) section 107(1)(d)(iii) (public exhibition in the course of a business of article infringing copyright);



- (b) section 107(3) (infringement of copyright by public performance of work etc.);
  - (c) section 198(2) (broadcast etc. of recording of performance made without sufficient consent);
  - (d) section 297(1) (fraudulent reception of transmission);
  - (e) section 297A(1) (supply etc. of unauthorised decoder).
- 14) An offence under any of the following provisions of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (c. 52) —
- (a) section 3A (causing death by careless driving while under the influence of drink or drugs);
  - (b) section 4 (driving etc. a vehicle when under the influence of drink or drugs);
  - (c) section 5 (driving etc. a vehicle with alcohol concentration above prescribed limit).
- 15) An offence under either of the following provisions of the Food Safety Act 1990 (c. 16) in circumstances where the food in question is or includes alcohol —
- (a) section 14 (selling food or drink not of the nature, substance or quality demanded);
  - (b) section 15 (falsely describing or presenting food or drink).
- 16) An offence under section 92(1) or (2) of the Trade Marks Act 1994 (c. 26) (unauthorised use of trade mark, etc. in relation to goods) in circumstances where the goods in question are or include alcohol.
- 17) An offence under the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997 (c. 5).
- 18) A sexual offence, being an offence —
- (a) listed in Part 2 of Schedule 15 to the Criminal Justice Act 2003(1), other than the offence mentioned in paragraph 95 (an offence under section 4 of the Sexual Offences Act 1967 (procuring others to commit homosexual acts));
  - (aa) listed in Schedule 3 to the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (sexual offences for the purposes of notification and orders);
  - (b) an offence under section 8 of the Sexual Offences Act 1956 (intercourse with a defective);
  - (c) an offence under section 18 of the Sexual Offences Act 1956 (fraudulent abduction of an heiress).
- 19) A violent offence, being any offence which leads, or is intended or likely to lead, to a person's death or to physical injury to a person, including an offence

which is required to be charged as arson (whether or not it would otherwise fall within this definition).”

- (A) An offence listed in Part 1 of Schedule 15 to the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (specified violent offences).
- 20) An offence under section 3 of the Private Security Industry Act 2001 (c. 12) (engaging in certain activities relating to security without a licence).
- 21) An offence under section 46 of the Gambling Act 2005 if the child or young person was invited, caused or permitted to gamble on premises in respect of which a premises licence under this Act had effect.
- 22) An offence under the Fraud Act 2006.
- (A) An offence under regulation 6 of the Business Protection from Misleading Marketing Regulations 2008 (offence of misleading advertising) in circumstances where the advertising in question relates to alcohol or to goods that include alcohol.
  - (AZ) An offence under any of the following provisions of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 -
    - (a) section 28 (using someone to mind a weapon);
    - (b) section 36 (manufacture, import and sale of realistic imitation firearms).
- 23) An offence under regulation 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 of the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 (offences relating to unfair commercial practices) in circumstances where the commercial practice in question is directly connected with the promotion, sale or supply of alcohol or of a product that includes alcohol.
- (A) Offences under the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016
  - (B) An offence listed in section 41 of the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 (terrorism offences).

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