

## Deregulation Act 2015 – Licensing Related Provisions

Provision	Commencement Date	Action Required by the Council
<p>Section 10 – taxi and private hire – duration of licences</p> <p>Provides that the standard duration of licences to drive hackney carriage and private hire vehicles be three years and that the standard duration of licences to operate private hire vehicles be five years.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> October 2015</p>	<p>The Council currently issues driver licences and operator licences for a period of one year. The Council will need to amend its policies and procedures in this regard and review its licence fees in order to move to issuing licences for the new standard durations.</p>
<p>Section 11 – private hire vehicles – sub-contracting</p> <p>Private hire operators will be allowed to sub-contract work to an operator licensed by a different local authority. This has not previously been lawful.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> October 2015</p>	<p>Awareness needs to be raised amongst officers and the private hire trade about this change.</p>
<p>Section 67 – Community and ancillary sellers notices</p> <p>Provides the statutory framework to the Secretary of State to create a new form of authorisation process for people selling alcohol at community events and as an ancillary part of a wider business.</p>	<p>Unknown – requires secondary legislation that has yet to be produced and consulted upon</p>	<p>Awaiting secondary legislation. Once this is in place as assessment of the actions required by the Council can be made.</p>
<p>Section 68 – Temporary Event Notices – Increase in Maximum Number of Events Per Year</p> <p>This will increase the number of TENs that can be served in respect of each premise from 12 to 15 per calendar year from 2016.</p>	<p>26<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (comes into effect for the calendar year 2016)</p>	<p>Any relevant guidance notes and web-based information needs to be updated and awareness raised amongst officers and those that serve Temporary Event Notices.</p>

<p>Section 69 – Personal licences – no requirement to renew</p> <p>Personal licences issued under the Licensing Act 2003 will last indefinitely any person holding a valid personal licence on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 will no longer need to renew it. Previously personal licences lasted for 10 years and then expired and required renewal.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> April 2015</p>	<p>Licences issued on or after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 no longer show an expiry date.</p> <p>Awareness raised amongst those that hold existing valid personal licences that their licences no longer need to be renewed.</p> <p>Database updated to remove expiry dates from existing personal licences on record.</p>
<p>Section 70 - Sale of liqueur confectionery to children under 16: abolition of offence</p> <p>The offence of selling liqueur confectionery to children under the age of 16 to be removed from the Licensing Act 2003</p>	<p>26<sup>th</sup> May 2015</p>	<p>Awareness raised amongst officers with responsibility for enforcement of Licensing Act 2003 offences.</p>
<p>Section 71 – Late night refreshment</p> <p>Provides the statutory framework for the Secretary of State to pass regulations allowing licensing authorities to exempt certain supplies of late night refreshment from licensing requirements.</p>	<p>Unknown – requires secondary legislation that has yet to be produced and consulted upon</p>	<p>Awaiting secondary legislation. Once this is in place as assessment of the actions required by the Council can be made.</p>
<p>Section 72 - Removal of requirement to report loss or theft of licence etc to police</p> <p>The requirement for a licence holder under the Licensing Act 2003 to report the loss or theft of a licence to the police before a copy could be issued to them has been removed.</p>	<p>26<sup>th</sup> May 2015</p>	<p>Any relevant guidance notes and web-based information updated and awareness raised amongst officers dealing with requests for copies of licences.</p>

<p>Section 76 - Exhibition of films in community premises</p> <p>Removes the exhibition of films in community premises from licensing requirements subject to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The person arranging the exhibition has the written consent of the person(s) responsible for managing the community premises</li><li>• The exhibition is not made with a view to profit</li><li>• The exhibition takes place between 8am and 11pm</li><li>• The audience is no more than 500</li><li>• Film classification rules are followed</li></ul>	<p>6<sup>th</sup> April 2015</p>	<p>Guidance notes and web-based information updated and awareness raised amongst officers.</p>
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