



**POLICY FOR DETERMINING FILM CLASSIFICATIONS**

**Purpose**

The public exhibition of all films on licensed premises must either be classified by the British Broad Film Classification (BBFC) or authorised by the Licensing Authority under the powers of the Licensing Act 2003.

**Procedure for Authorisation of Films Which Have Not Been Classified by The BBFC or Redditch Borough Council.**

Applications should be submitted to the Licensing Authority with a minimum of **28 days** before the proposed screening.

An application for authorisation should include the following information:

- (a) the film maker;
- (b) such recommendation as may have been made by the film maker upon age limit for the intended audience for exhibition of the film;
- (c) any existing classification issued by an existing classification body, whether within or outside the UK;
- (d) a synopsis identifying the material within the film considered by the exhibitor to be likely to have a bearing on the age limit for the audience for exhibition of the film. Where an applicant seeks an authorisation allowing exhibition of the film to persons 18 years and over only, a detailed synopsis will not be required;
- (e) if known, a legitimate and legal internet site where the film, or a portion of the film is available to view without charge;
- (f) intends to impose; and
- (g) details of how age restrictions will be enforced.

In accordance with National Guidance all requests shall be accompanied by the film(s) where possible in DVD format to avoid delays, the cost to be borne by the applicant. If DVD format is not possible then arrangements will be made for a suitable venue to view the film.

When considering all such requests the Licensing Officers will pay particular attention to the Protection of Children from Harm Licensing Objective.

In line with of the National Guidance, where a film(s) is recommended by the Licensing Authority as falling into an age restrictive category, no person under the age specified shall be admitted. Where a film(s) is recommended by the Licensing Authority as falling into a category requiring any persons under a specified age to be accompanied by an adult, no person under the age specified shall be admitted unless accompanied by an adult.

In these circumstances, the licence holder will be required to display in a conspicuous position a notice clearly stating the relevant age restrictions and requirements. With regard to the wording of such Notices, the Licensing Authority shall adopt the example as laid out in the National Guidance: