

# ALLERDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL



## Licensing Changes at a Glance

Existing Law	Licensing Act 2003
Magistrates have responsibility for alcohol licensing	Local authorities responsible for all alcohol and entertainments licensing
Separate licences for cinema, theatre, sale of alcohol, public entertainment, etc	One premises licence to cover all activities and no additional licence costs for more than one activity
Individuals licensed to sell alcohol from particular premises	Separate premises and portable personal licence
Applicants for licences have to prove themselves <i>fit and proper</i>	New applicants for personal licences need to gain an accredited qualification and undergo a Criminal Records Bureau check
Public entertainment fees set by individual local authorities	Fees set by Government for premises and personal licences.
<i>Two in a bar</i> rule means that where more than two artists perform, a public entertainment licence is required	All public entertainment will require a licence, but it will cost nothing to add this to the list of activities undertaken
The law regarding children's access to licensed premises is confusing and inconsistent	Children's access will be the norm, except where there is good reason for them being excluded – balanced by clear objective of protection of children from harm
The law concerning consumption of alcohol by under 18s in public places is confusing and unrealistic. For example it is legal to buy an alcoholic drink and give it to a six year old in a pub garden	16 and 17 year olds will only be able to consume alcohol in pubs when it is bought for them by someone 18 years old or older, and is consumed with a meal in the company of someone 18 or over
Licences are required for tombolas or raffles where alcohol is offered as a prize	Tombolas or raffles will be exempted from the requirements for a licence in most cases
Anyone wishing to hold a one-off event must apply for an occasional permission from the court	A new system of temporary permitted activities will allow extensions for premises licences, (for example a big sporting event or a wedding) and the sale of alcohol by non-licence holders within permitted limits after a simple notification

## ALLERDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Anyone can sell alcohol in wholesale quantities to the public without a licence	The exception for wholesale will only apply to sales between business or to personal or premises licence holders
There is broad discretion for licensing authorities on the reason for making licensing decisions	There will be four specific licensing objectives on which all decisions in relation to licensing applications must be based
Alcohol can only be served within specific limited permitted hours, subject to some extensions being obtained	Permitted hours will be abolished and each licensed premises will chose its own hours of opening, subject to objections from others
Police powers to close relate only to permanent on-licensed premises	Police powers to close premises extended to all temporary events such as one-off raves