

Mandatory Conditions (Amended)

All premises licences are potentially subject to one or more of the Mandatory Conditions, specified under sections 19, 19A, 20 and 21 of the Licensing Act 2003. These relate to the sale and supply of alcohol, the exhibition of films and door supervision, and appear on individual licences. Section 32 and schedule 4 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 gives the Secretary of State power to specify additional Mandatory Conditions.

On 1 October 2014 the Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) (Amendment) Order came into force. This Order amends the previous Mandatory Conditions which came into effect in 2010. The conditions relate to the following:

- Irresponsible promotions (including alcohol being dispensed directly into the mouth)
- Free potable water for customers
- Age verification policy
- Choice of small measures

These are in addition to the following which came into effect on 28 May 2014

- Prohibition of the sale of alcohol at a price below the total of duty plus VAT (on and off sales/supply)

Further information:

Guidance on Mandatory Licence Conditions:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-mandatory-licensing-conditions>

Minimum Price Calculator:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/banning-the-sale-of-alcohol-below-the-cost-of-duty-plus-vat>

It should be noted that the mandatory conditions are effective whether or not they physically appear on a premises licence or club premises certificate.

Where the premises licence/club premises certificate authorises the sale of alcohol

1.
 - (1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.
 - (2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises-
 - a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to-
 - i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
 - ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
 - b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
 - c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
 - d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;
 - e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of a disability).
2. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
3.
 - 1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
 - 2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.
 - 3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the

policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either

- a) a holographic mark, or
- b) an ultraviolet feature

4. The responsible person must ensure that—

- a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures—
 - i) beer or cider: ½ pint;
 - ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
 - iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml; and
- b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises, and
- c) where a customer does not, in relation to a sale of alcohol, specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.

5. Maximum permitted price

- (1) A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.
- (2) For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 1 —
 - a) “duty” is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979;
 - b) “permitted price” is the price found by applying the formula —

$$P = D + (D \times V) \text{ where—}$$

- (i) **P** is the permitted price,
 - (ii) **D** is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
 - (iii) **V** is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
- c) “relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence —
 - (i) the holder of the premises licence,
 - (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or

- (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
 - d) “relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
 - e) “valued added tax” means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.
- (3) Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.
- (4) (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day (“the first day”) would be different from the permitted price on the next day (“the second day”) as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.
- (2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

(Where the Premises Licence authorises the exhibition of films)

6. Admission of children to the exhibition of any film is to be restricted in accordance with Section 20.

(Where the Premises Licence includes a condition that door supervisors must be used)

7. All security personnel must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.