



Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

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PART 3

PREMISES LICENCES

Transfer of premises licence

33 Transfer on application of licence holder

- (1) A premises licence holder may apply to the appropriate Licensing Board for the transfer of the licence to such person as is specified in the application (such person being referred to in this section as the “transferee”).
- (2) The transferee may not be an individual under the age of 18.
- (3) An application under subsection (1) must be accompanied by—
 - (a) the premises licence to which the application relates, or
 - (b) if that is not practicable, a statement of the reasons for failure to produce the licence.
- (4) Where a Licensing Board receives an application under subsection (1), the Board must give notice of it, together with a copy of the application, to the [^{F1}chief constable].
- (5) The [^{F2}chief constable] must, within 21 days of the date of receipt of a notice under subsection (4), respond to the notice by giving the Licensing Board one or other of the notices mentioned in subsection (6).
- (6) Those notices are—
 - (a) a notice stating that neither—
 - (i) the transferee, nor
 - (ii) where the transferee is neither an individual nor a council, any connected person,has been convicted of any relevant offence or foreign offence, or
 - (b) a notice specifying any convictions of—
 - (i) the transferee, and

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(ii) where the transferee is neither an individual nor a council, any connected person,

for a relevant offence or a foreign offence.

[^{F3}(7) On giving a notice under subsection (6)(a) or (b), if the [^{F4}chief constable] considers that it is necessary for the purposes of any of the licensing objectives that the application for the transfer of the licence to the transferee be refused, the chief constable may include in the notice a recommendation to that effect.]

[^{F5}(7A) On giving a notice under subsection (6)(a) or (b), the chief constable may also provide to the Licensing Board any information in relation to—

- (a) the transferee,
- (b) where the transferee is neither an individual nor a council, a connected person, or
- (c) any person who would be an interested party in relation to the licensed premises if the application for the transfer of the licence to the transferee were to be granted,

that the chief constable considers may be relevant to consideration by the Board of the application.]

[^{F3}(8) Where, in relation to an application under subsection (1)—

- (a) the Licensing Board receives a notice under subsection (6)(a), ^{F6}...
- (b) the notice does not include a recommendation under subsection (7)[^{F7}, and
- (c) no information has been provided under subsection (7A),]

the Board must grant the application.]

[^{F3}(9) In any other case, the Licensing Board must hold a hearing for the purpose of considering and determining the application.]

(10) Where a hearing is held under subsection (9), the Licensing Board must, having regard to the chief constable's notice [^{F8}and any information provided under subsection (7A)] —

- (a) if satisfied that [^{F9}a ground for refusal applies], refuse the application, or
- (b) if not so satisfied, grant the application.

[^{F10}(11) The grounds for refusal are—

- (a) that, having regard to the licensing objectives, the transferee is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a premises licence,
- (b) that it is otherwise necessary to refuse the application for the purposes of any of the licensing objectives.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 33(4) substituted (1.4.2013) by [Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 8\)](#), s. 129(2), sch. 7 para. 29(2), (3); S.S.I. 2013/51, art. 2 (with transitional provisions and savings in S.S.I. 2013/121)
- F2** Words in s. 33(5) substituted (1.4.2013) by [Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 8\)](#), s. 129(2), sch. 7 para. 29(2), (3); S.S.I. 2013/51, art. 2 (with transitional provisions and savings in S.S.I. 2013/121)
- F3** S. 33(7)-(9) substituted (13.12.2010) by [Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 13\)](#), s. 206(1), [Sch. 6 para. 7\(2\)](#); S.S.I. 2010/413, art. 2, sch.

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- F4** Words in s. 33(7) substituted (1.4.2013) by [Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 8\)](#), s. 129(2), sch. 7 para. 29(2), **(3)**; S.S.I. 2013/51, art. 2 (with transitional provisions and savings in S.S.I. 2013/121)
- F5** S. 33(7A) inserted (15.5.2017) by [Air Weapons and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(asp 10\)](#), ss. **44(2)(a)**, 88(2); S.S.I. 2017/119, art. 2, sch. (with arts. 3, 4)
- F6** Word in s. 33(8) repealed (15.5.2017) by [Air Weapons and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(asp 10\)](#), ss. **44(2)(b)(i)**, 88(2); S.S.I. 2017/119, art. 2, sch. (with arts. 3, 4)
- F7** S. 33(8)(c) and word inserted (15.5.2017) by [Air Weapons and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(asp 10\)](#), ss. **44(2)(b)(ii)**, 88(2); S.S.I. 2017/119, art. 2, sch. (with arts. 3, 4)
- F8** Words in s. 33(10) inserted (15.5.2017) by [Air Weapons and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(asp 10\)](#), ss. **44(2)(c)(i)**, 88(2); S.S.I. 2017/119, art. 2, sch. (with arts. 3, 4)
- F9** Words in s. 33(10)(a) substituted (15.5.2017) by [Air Weapons and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(asp 10\)](#), ss. **44(2)(c)(ii)**, 88(2); S.S.I. 2017/119, art. 2, sch. (with arts. 3, 4)
- F10** S. 33(11) inserted (15.5.2017) by [Air Weapons and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(asp 10\)](#), ss. **44(2)(d)**, 88(2); S.S.I. 2017/119, art. 2, sch. (with arts. 3, 4)

Commencement Information

- II** S. 33 in force at 1.2.2008 by [S.S.I. 2007/472](#), art. 2, sch. 1

34 Transfer on application of person other than licence holder

- (1) A person other than—
- (a) the holder of a premises licence, or
 - (b) an individual under the age of 18,
- (being a person of a prescribed description) may, within 28 days of the occurrence of any of the events specified in subsection (3), apply to the appropriate Licensing Board for the transfer to that person of the licence.
- (2) An application under subsection (1) must be accompanied by—
- (a) the premises licence to which the application relates, or
 - (b) if that is not practicable, a statement of the reasons for failure to produce the licence.
- (3) The events referred to in subsection (1) are—
- (a) the premises licence holder, being an individual—
 - (i) dies, or
 - (ii) becomes incapable within the meaning of section 1(6) of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 (asp 4),
 - (b) the premises licence holder, being an individual, a partnership or a company, becomes insolvent,
 - (c) the premises licence holder, being a person other than an individual, a partnership or a company, is dissolved, and
 - (d) the business carried on in the licensed premises to which the licence relates is transferred (whether by sale or otherwise) to another person.
- (4) Subsections (4) to (10) of section 33 apply for the purposes of an application under subsection (1) of this section as they apply for the purposes of an application under subsection (1) of that section, but as if references in them to the transferee were references to the applicant in relation to the application under subsection (1) of this section.

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- (5) Subsections (7) and (8) of section 28 apply for the purposes of subsection (3)(b) of this section as they apply for the purposes of subsection (5)(d) of that section.

Commencement Information

I2 S. 34 in force at 1.2.2008 by [S.S.I. 2007/472](#), art. 2, [Sch. 1](#)

35 Variation on transfer

- (1) A person making an application to a Licensing Board under section 33(1) or 34(1) for transfer of a premises licence may also make an application to the Board for a variation of the licence.
- (2) Sections 29 and 30 apply in relation to an application under subsection (1) for a variation as they apply to a premises licence variation application.
- (3) Where—
- (a) an application is made under subsection (1), and
 - (b) the applicant intimates to the Licensing Board that the application under section 33(1) or 34(1) for transfer of the premises licence is contingent on the grant of the application under subsection (1),
- the Licensing Board must determine the application under subsection (1) before determining the application for the transfer of the licence.
- (4) In such a case, if the Licensing Board refuses the application under subsection (1), the application for the transfer of the licence falls.
- (5) In any other case where an application under subsection (1) is made—
- (a) the Licensing Board must first determine the application for transfer of the licence before determining the application under subsection (1), and
 - (b) if the application for the transfer of the licence is refused, the application under subsection (1) falls.

Commencement Information

I3 S. 35 in force at 1.2.2008 by [S.S.I. 2007/472](#), art. 2, [Sch. 1](#)

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