



Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

2005 asp 16

PART 3

PREMISES LICENCES

Variation of premises licence

30 Determination of application for variation

- (1) A premises licence variation application received by a Licensing Board is to be determined by the Board in accordance with this section.
- (2) If the variation sought is a minor variation, the Board must grant the application.
- (3) In any other case, the Licensing Board must hold a hearing for the purpose of considering and determining the application.
- (4) Where a hearing is held under subsection (3), the Board must consider whether any of the grounds for refusal applies and—
 - (a) if none of them applies, the Board must grant the application,
 - (b) if any of them applies, the Board must refuse the application.
- (5) The grounds for refusal are—
 - (a) that the application must be refused under section 32(2), 64(2) or 65(3),
 - (b) that the Licensing Board considers that the granting of the application would be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives,
 - (c) that, having regard to—
 - (i) the nature of the activities carried on or proposed to be carried on in the subject premises,
 - (ii) the location, character and condition of the premises, and
 - (iii) the persons likely to frequent the premises,the Board considers that the premises are unsuitable for use for the sale of alcohol in accordance with the proposed variation,
 - (d) [^Fthat] the Board considers that, if the application were to be granted, there would, as a result, be overprovision of licensed premises, or licensed premises

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of [^{F2}the same or similar description as the subject premises (taking account of the variation),] in the locality.

- (6) Where the Licensing Board grants the application, the Board may make a variation of the conditions to which the licence is subject.
- (7) Where the Licensing Board refuses the application—
- (a) the Board must specify the ground for refusal, and
 - (b) if the ground for refusal is that specified in subsection (5)(b), the Board must specify the licensing objective or objectives in question.
- (8) In subsection (5)(d), references to “licensed premises” do not include references to licensed premises in respect of which an occasional licence has effect.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 30(5)(d) substituted (30.9.2016) by [Air Weapons and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(asp 10\)](#), [ss. 55\(4\)\(a\)](#), 88(2); S.S.I. 2016/132, art. 2(b) (with art. 4)
- F2** Words in s. 30(5)(d) substituted (30.9.2016) by [Air Weapons and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(asp 10\)](#), [ss. 55\(4\)\(b\)](#), 88(2); S.S.I. 2016/132, art. 2(b) (with art. 4)
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 30 in force at 1.2.2008 by [S.S.I. 2007/472](#), art. 2, [Sch. 1](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) Appointed Day(s) by [S.S.I. 2006/239 art. 2](#) (This S.S.I. is revoked on 25.5.2006 by S.S.I. 2006/286, art. 6)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 33(1)(1A) substituted for s. 33(1)-(3) by [2015 asp 10 s. 49\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 33(8)(za) inserted by [2015 asp 10 s. 49\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 33(8A) inserted by [2015 asp 10 s. 49\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 33A inserted by [2015 asp 10 s. 49\(4\)](#)
- s. 134ZA-134ZC inserted by [2015 asp 10 s. 61\(2\)](#)