



Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

2005 asp 16

PART 6

PERSONAL LICENCES

Conviction of licence holder for relevant or foreign offence

83 Procedure where Licensing Board receives notice of conviction

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the relevant Licensing Board—
 - (a) receives a notice of conviction relating to a personal licence holder, or
 - (b) becomes aware that a personal licence holder was, during the application period, convicted of a relevant offence or a foreign offence.
- (2) The Licensing Board must give notice of the conviction to the [^{F1}chief constable].
- (3) The [^{F2}chief constable] must, within 21 days of the date of receipt of a notice under subsection (2), respond to the notice by giving the Licensing Board one or other of the notices mentioned in subsection (4).
- (4) Those notices are—
 - (a) a notice stating that the chief constable is unable to confirm the existence of the conviction or that the conviction does not relate to a relevant or a foreign offence, or
 - (b) a notice confirming the existence of the conviction and that it relates to a relevant or a foreign offence.
- (5) Where the [^{F3}chief constable]—
 - (a) proposes to give a notice under subsection (4)(b), and
 - (b) considers that, having regard to the conviction specified in the notice, it is necessary for the purposes of [^{F4}any of the licensing objectives] that the licence holder's personal licence should be revoked, suspended or endorsed, the chief constable may include in the notice a recommendation to that effect.
- (6) If the Licensing Board receives from the [^{F5}chief constable] a notice under subsection (4)(a), the Licensing Board may not take any further action in relation to the conviction.

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- (7) If the Licensing Board receives from the [^{F6}chief constable] a notice under subsection (4)(b) [^{F7}which includes a recommendation under subsection (5)] , the Licensing Board must hold a hearing.
- [^{F8}(7A) If the Licensing Board receive from the chief constable a notice under subsection (4) (b) which does not include a recommendation under subsection (5), the Licensing Board must—
- (a) hold a hearing, or
 - (b) decide to take no further action in relation to the conviction.]
- (8) At [^{F9}a hearing under subsection (7) or (7A)(a)], the Licensing Board may—
- (a) having regard to—
 - (i) the conviction, and
 - (ii) any recommendation contained in the chief constable's notice under subsection (5),
 - (b) after giving—
 - (i) the licence holder concerned, and
 - (ii) the [^{F10}chief constable],
 an opportunity to be heard, and
 - (c) if satisfied that it is necessary to do so for the purposes of [^{F11}any of the licensing objectives],
- make an order under subsection (9).
- [^{F12}(8A) Subsection (8) is subject to subsection (9A).]
- (9) That order is an order—
- (a) revoking,
 - (b) suspending for such period, not exceeding 6 months, as the Board considers appropriate, or
 - (c) endorsing,
- the personal licence held by the licence holder concerned.
- [^{F13}(9A) Where, at the hearing, the Licensing Board are satisfied that, having regard to the licensing objectives, the licence holder is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a personal licence, the Board must make an order revoking the licence.]
- (10) Where the Licensing Board makes an order under subsection (9) [^{F14}or (9A)] , the Board must give—
- (a) the licence holder concerned,
 - (b) the [^{F15}chief constable], and
 - (c) if different, the Licensing Board which issued the personal licence,
- notice of the order and of the reasons for making it.
- (11) In this section—
- “the application period” means, in relation to a personal licence holder, the period—
- (a) beginning with the date on which the application for the personal licence held by that licence holder was made, and
 - (b) ending with the date on which that application was granted,
- “notice of conviction” means a notice under section 81(2) or 82(2), and

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“relevant Licensing Board” means, in relation to a personal licence holder—

- (a) if the personal licence holder is working as a premises manager at any licensed premises, the Licensing Board for the area in which those premises are situated,
- (b) in any other case, the Licensing Board which issued the personal licence held by the licence holder.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 83(2) 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. 83(3) 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** Words in s. 83(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)
- F4** Words in s. 83(5)(b) substituted (13.12.2010) by [Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 13\)](#), s. 206(1), **sch. 6 para. 15(2)**; S.S.I. 2010/413, art. 2, sch.
- F5** Words in s. 83(6) 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)
- F6** Words in s. 83(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)
- F7** Words in s. 83(7) inserted (15.5.2017) by [Air Weapons and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(asp 10\)](#), **ss. 51(a)**, 88(2); S.S.I. 2017/119, art. 2, sch. (with art. 5)
- F8** S. 83(7A) inserted (15.5.2017) by [Air Weapons and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(asp 10\)](#), **ss. 51(b)**, 88(2); S.S.I. 2017/119, art. 2, sch. (with art. 5)
- F9** Words in s. 83(8) substituted (15.5.2017) by [Air Weapons and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(asp 10\)](#), **ss. 51(c)**, 88(2); S.S.I. 2017/119, art. 2, sch. (with art. 5)
- F10** Words in s. 83(8)(b)(ii) 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)
- F11** Words in s. 83(8)(c) substituted (13.12.2010) by [Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 13\)](#), s. 206(1), **sch. 6 para. 15(3)**; S.S.I. 2010/413, art. 2, sch.
- F12** S. 83(8A) inserted (15.5.2017) by [Air Weapons and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(asp 10\)](#), **ss. 47(2)(a)**, 88(2); S.S.I. 2017/119, art. 2, sch. (with arts. 3, 4)
- F13** S. 83(9A) inserted (15.5.2017) by [Air Weapons and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(asp 10\)](#), **ss. 47(2)(b)**, 88(2); S.S.I. 2017/119, art. 2, sch. (with arts. 3, 4)
- F14** Words in s. 83(10) inserted (15.5.2017) by [Air Weapons and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(asp 10\)](#), **ss. 47(2)(c)**, 88(2); S.S.I. 2017/119, art. 2, sch. (with arts. 3, 4)
- F15** Words in s. 83(10)(b) 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)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 83 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\(2\)](#)