



Licensing Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 17

PART 4

CLUBS

Production of certificate, rights of entry, etc.

96 Inspection of premises before grant of certificate etc.

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where—
 - (a) a club applies for a club premises certificate in respect of any premises,
 - (b) a club applies under section 84 for the variation of a club premises certificate held by it, or
 - (c) an application is made under section 87 for review of a club premises certificate.
- (2) On production of his authority—
 - (a) an authorised person, or
 - (b) a constable authorised by the chief officer of police,may enter and inspect the premises.
- (3) Any entry and inspection under this section must take place at a reasonable time on a day—
 - (a) which is not more than 14 days after the making of the application in question, and
 - (b) which is specified in the notice required by subsection (4).
- (4) Before an authorised person or constable enters and inspects any premises under this section, at least 48 hours' notice must be given to the club.
- (5) Any person obstructing an authorised person in the exercise of the power conferred by this section commits an offence.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (6) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (5) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.
- (7) The relevant licensing authority may, on the application of a responsible authority, extend by not more than 7 days the time allowed for carrying out an entry and inspection under this section.
- (8) The relevant licensing authority may allow such an extension of time only if it appears to the authority that—
 - (a) reasonable steps had been taken for an authorised person or constable authorised by the applicant to inspect the premises in good time, but
 - (b) it was not possible for the inspection to take place within the time allowed.