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**MAGISTRATES' COURTS****Summary Jurisdiction (Bookmakers' Certificates) (Amendment) Rules  
(Northern Ireland) 1976***Made* . . . . . 7th July 1976*Coming into operation* : . . . . . 1st October 1976*To be laid before Parliament*

The Secretary of State(a) in pursuance of section 23 of the Magistrates' Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1964(b) on the recommendation of the Magistrates' Courts Rules Committee and after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, hereby makes the following rules:

*Citation and commencement*

1. These rules may be cited as the Summary Jurisdiction (Bookmakers' Certificates) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1976.

*Amendment of rules of 1958*

2. The provisions of the Summary Jurisdiction (Bookmakers' Certificates) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1958(c) specified in the first column of the Schedule are amended to the extent specified in the second column.

Northern Ireland Office  
7th July 1976

*Merlyn Rees*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State

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(a) Formerly the Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland: see S.I. 1973/2163 (1973 III, p. 7541)  
(b) 1964 c. 21 (N.I.)  
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958 No. 13 (p. 538)

## SCHEDULE

**Amendments to the Summary Jurisdiction (Bookmakers' Certificates) Rules  
(Northern Ireland) 1958**

<i>Provision amended</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
Rule 3	For paragraph (b) there shall be substituted the following paragraph: “(b) upon the council of the local government district wherein the premises are situated”.
Rule 4	In rule 4 after the words “an application” there shall be inserted the words “under section 2 of the said Act of 1957” and at the end there shall be added the following paragraph: “(2) An application under section 6 of the said Act of 1957 shall be heard at a sitting of the court which shall be held not less than two months after service and lodgment of the notice. In a petty sessions district where sittings of the court are held on more than one day in a week, the application shall be heard on such day not less than two months after the service and lodgment of the notice, as may be fixed by the clerk of petty sessions.”
Rules 5 and 6	In paragraph (2) for the words from “council” to “county” there shall be substituted the words “district council”.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the rules but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These rules amend the Summary Jurisdiction (Bookmakers' Certificates) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1958.

Rule 4 is amended to provide that an application under section 6 of the Betting and Lotteries Act (Northern Ireland) 1957 for a certificate of suitability of premises shall be heard at a sitting of a court of summary jurisdiction to be held not less than two months after service and lodgment of the notice of application upon the police and the district council, instead of fourteen days after such service.

Other amendments are consequential upon the abolition of certain local authorities by the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972.

Service of the notice of intention to apply under section 6 for a certificate must now be upon the council of the local government district in which the premises are situated.