

DCMS Statistical Bulletin
Alcohol, Entertainment and Late Night Refreshment Licensing
April 2006-March 2007

This bulletin deals with licensing activity under the Licensing Act 2003 in England and Wales during the period 01.04.06 – 31.03.07.

The questionnaire was sent out to 378 licensing authorities and 324 completed returns were received (a return rate of 86%). The overall results detailed are based on these returns therefore they will be underestimates of the full picture in England and Wales.

On 31st March 2007 there were 161,300 premises licences, 15,100 club premises certificates and 250,000 personal licences in force.

122,900 licences and certificates were authorised to sell alcohol. 32,600 premises licences were authorised for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises only.

There were 5100 premises with 24-hour licences made up of:

- 3300 hotels
- 910 supermarkets
- 460 pubs, bars and nightclubs
- 420 other premises types.

During the period, there were just over 14,600 new applications for premises licences, 98% of which were granted.

670 reviews were completed during the reporting period. Following review 91 licences/certificates were suspended and 90 premises licences were revoked/club premises certificates were withdrawn.

How does Blackpool compare with the national picture?

Total number of premises licences

On 31st March 2007, there were a total of 161,300 premises licences in force. Middle Temple in London had the least number of premises licences with 2 in force. Westminster had the most at 2867. Blackpool had the seventh highest number of premises licences in force.

1.	Westminster	2867
2.	Birmingham	2677
3.	Leeds	2152
4.	Manchester	1782
5.	Liverpool	1710
6.	Bristol	1632
7.	Blackpool	1557

Premises licences by fee band

Each premises licence has a fee band, which is based on its non-domestic rateable value. The percentage split nationally is detailed below (figures do not add up to 100% due to rounding) together with Blackpool's split.

	<u>National</u>	<u>Blackpool</u>
Band A	23%	27%
Band B	55%	62%
Band C	12%	5%
Band D (no multiplier)	3%	1%
Band D (with multiplier)	1%	1% (only one premises)
Band E (no multiplier)	7%	3%
Band E (with multiplier)	1%	1% (only 2 premises)

Total number of club premises certificates

On 31st March 2007, there were 15,100 club premises certificates in force in England and Wales. Middle Temple and Tewkesbury had issued no club premises certificates, whereas Leeds had 250 in force. Blackpool was mid table with 41 club premises certificates.

Club premises certificate by fee band

	<u>National</u>	<u>Blackpool</u>
Band A	30%	10%
Band B	61%	88%
Band C	6%	2%
Band D	1%	0%
Band E	2%	0%

24 Hour Alcohol licences

There were approximately 5100 premises licensed for the sale or supply of alcohol for 24 hours. Prior to the Licensing Act 2003, hotels were authorised to sell alcohol to residents and their private guests only outside of the standard permitted hours – they were entitled to keep this benefit under grandfather rights.

The results have been broken down by Government Office Region:

- North West 30%
- South West 21%
- South East 13%
- East 8%
- London 8%
- Other regions and Wales 5% or less in their area.

Reviews

During the reporting period, there were 670 completed reviews. Some areas held no reviews. Sandwell held the highest number of reviews at 24:

1.	Sandwell	24
2.	Newcastle Under Lyme	20
3.	Brighton	14
4.	Blackpool	13
	North East Lincolnshire	13
	Plymouth	13
	Sheffield	13
5.	Manchester	12

Following a review, Blackpool revoked the highest number of premises licences, and had the joint highest number of licence suspensions. The table below shows the outcomes of reviews from the areas detailed above,

Area	No action	Hours reduced	Activity partially restricted	Activity excluded	Other condition added/modified	DPS removed	Licence Suspended	Licence revoked
Sandwell	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0
Newcastle under Lyme	0	6	8	0	3	2	0	0
Brighton	0	0	0	0	10	0	3	1
Blackpool	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	7
N.E lincs	0	2	0	0	13	0	1	0
Plymouth	0	5	0	2	3	0	3	0
Sheffield	0	0	0	0	10	1	5	2
Manchester	0	3	0	0	10	3	2	1

Licensing Activity 2006/07

New premises licence

	<u>Applied for</u>	<u>granted</u>	<u>refused</u>
National	14798	14158	220
Blackpool	95	90	5

Variation

National	9534	9050	173
Blackpool	61	61	0

Vary DPS

National	37197	35120	96
Blackpool	346	346	0

Transfer

National	16158	15699	111
Blackpool	243	242	1

New Club Premises Certificate

National	356	328	6
Blackpool	0	0	0

Vary Club Premises Certificate

National	628	605	4
Blackpool	1	0	0

Personal Licence

National	59000	57371	435
Blackpool	476	474	2

Premises licences

	<u>Surrendered</u>	<u>Lapsed</u>	<u>Suspended</u>
National	2630	232	70
Blackpool	39	7	5

Club premises Cert

	<u>Surrendered</u>	<u>Lapsed</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>
National	210	2	1
Blackpool	1	0	0

Personal

	<u>Surrendered</u>	<u>Revoked</u>	<u>Suspended</u>
National	192	11	13
Blackpool	5	0	0

Applications dealt with by Committee hearing

	<u>National</u>	<u>Blackpool</u>
Premises licence	6408	61
Personal licences	210	2