

## Licensing Applications

Fixed fee of £1,800 (including VAT but excluding disbursements) for a simple licensing application for a premises licence based on the typical time expended on the work.

This fee is made up of:

- Legal fees £1,500
- VAT on legal fees £300

## Disbursements

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as the application fee. We will pay the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process.

- Application fee (payable to licensing authority) \* *(Fees are variable and reliant on 3<sup>rd</sup> parties)*
- Advertising fee \* *(Fees are variable and reliant on 3<sup>rd</sup> parties)*
- Enquiry agent fees to display public notices \* *(Fees are variable and reliant on 3<sup>rd</sup> parties)*
- Special delivery fee to serve the application £20 plus VAT
- Printing additional copies of plans if necessary £0

\*These fees vary depending on the individual premises and where it is located. The fees can on occasion be higher than the ranges given above. We will give you an accurate figure for each item as soon as we are able to do so.

Where fees are subject to VAT, VAT is 20%.

Fee includes:

- Taking your instructions and advising you as to how you can promote the licensing objectives within your application
- Advising you as the type of plans you are required to submit with your application.
- Completing the application form for a new premises licence (including the operating schedule) in accordance with your instructions and submitting this to the local licensing authority alongside suitable plans. You must provide suitable plans.
- Providing guidance on the fee levels payable to the licensing authority.

- Preparing copies of the premises licence application for disclosure to the responsible authorities and serving copies of the application on the responsible authorities.
- Drafting the notices advertising the premises licence application and submitting the notice to the local newspaper.
- Arranging with you for you to display the notice(s) advertising the premises licence application and advising as to where and how this should be done by you in order to comply with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.
- Providing a Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) consent form for signature by a personal licence holder proposed by yourself.
- Checking the licence once granted and correcting any errors with the licensing authority.

The fee does not include:

- obtaining suitable plans
- attending pre-consultation meetings with the Licensing Authority or Responsible Authorities, nor their fee for this meeting.
- dealing with or advising you in relation to queries or representations received from either the responsible authorities or other interested parties
- advising on varying the licence
- attendance and representation at a licensing sub-committee hearing of the responsible authority. If representations are received and attendance and representation at a licensing sub-committee is required then we will provide a separate fee estimate for this work which will be charged at an hourly rate.

### **How long will my application take?**

Matters usually take 6-8 weeks from receipt of full instructions from you. This is on the basis of the application being relatively straightforward and you being able to provide all the necessary documents promptly. If your matter is more complex, for example, if there is substantial opposition from interested parties, or if there is a delay in receiving the documents we need, it may take longer.



## **Key contacts**

Business application work will be undertaken by our commercial law team:

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### **[Jess Fenwick](#)**

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**Jess Fenwick studied at Newcastle University and Northumbria University before joining Sweeney Miller in 2013. Jess is now the head of the Commercial Department based in our Newcastle Office and became a Partner in the company in June 2018.**

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