



Oldham
Council

Pub & Club News

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<p>Highlights</p> <p>New minor variations process</p> <p>Check AWP machines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Annual Fees</p> <p>Final reminders have now been issued to premises that have not paid annual licensing fees. These debts are now being handed over to our debt recovery team who will instigate action by way of a County Court Judgment which will in turn affect credit ratings and banking arrangements for businesses. If you are one of the few who have not paid please contact the licensing team ASAP to arrange payment.</p>
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Poker Games

New guidance has been issued by the Gambling Commission in relation to the playing of poker games in licensed premises.

There are limits on prizes and stakes for such games and separate rules about tournaments. If you are thinking of participating in poker please speak to your area Licensing Officer for more guidance.

Amusements with Prizes Permits

A lot of permits previously issued by the Magistrates' Court are now coming to an end and you must now submit applications and notifications to the Council. Failure to have permission in place could result in the machine and its monetary contents being confiscated by HMRC.

If you wish to have up to 2 machines in a pub you can simply serve an automatic notification and £50 which will last for your lifetime in those premises. For over 2 machines an application must be made and an annual fee paid thereafter of £150 and £50 respectively.

Members clubs have different rules again and guidance should be sought depending on whether you have just machines or offer other types of gaming.

Stakes and prizes for category C and D machines have also increased from June 2009.

Category C stake is £1 with a £70 prize

Category D stake is 10p with a £5 prize (cash only)

For full details visit the Gambling Commission's website at www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk



Minor Variations

With effect from the 29th July 2009 the Licensing Act 2003 is being amended to insert a new application for a minor variation to a premises licence or club premises certificate.

These applications are aimed at alterations to licences or premises which will not adversely affect the licensing objectives. The consultation period has been reduced to 10 days whereas a full variation remains at 28 days.

The cost of an application will be £89. Please speak to a member of the team if you wish to make such an application for further information.

Removal of Designated Premises Supervisors at Village/Community Halls

Another new amendment to the Licensing Act 2003 is an application that can be made by village/community halls or places or religious worship to disapply the need for a DPS for the sale of alcohol and like a members club the management committee oversee such sales. For further guidance on this contact the Licensing Team.