



LICENSING TRANSITION NEWS 2005

All Corporate Members (especially Premises Licence holders)

Issue 2: 29 March 2005

We issued the first Licensing Transition News at the beginning of March and asked for Members to complete the Applications Progress report to monitor their applications made by them. There was a minimal response and it is becoming apparent that applications from operators for conversion and variation of licences is barely a trickle, and far from the expected flood.

The late issue by DCMS of the final forms, confusion over legal interpretation and other factors have been major disincentives to prompt submission. It seems likely that the build-up of postponed applications will provide a major headache for local authorities' processing and this is may well disadvantage many operators – especially those applying for variations.

ALMR recommends that Members who are ready should not delay unnecessarily in submitting their applications.

Regular completion of the **Applications Progress Report** will be very helpful to establish progress and identify obstacles; feedback will help us influence Government thinking, improve our lobbying and provide an early warning of major problems arising. This format for this report is shown below and it would be very helpful if Members would take a moment to complete it and fax back by 7 April 2005 as shown – *nil returns* are also important to receive.

HELP

- **Weblink.** Frequently Asked Questions at www.almr.org.uk/licensing.htm
- **Key contact** knicholls@almr.org.uk

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**PLEASE NOW COMPLETE AND RETURN THE PROGRESS
REPORT ON YOUR LICENCE APPLICATIONS**



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PROGRESS REPORT

- This is a rolling survey and will provide a snapshot of applications made to date and any key issues arising, as well as a means of collating general concerns.
- We are only seeking responses from those companies seeking to hold the premises licence.
- Please only provide information on applications made to date and already submitted to licensing authorities.
- If you have not yet made any applications, please submit a zero return

Name of company:

No of premises licences - managed:	- leased :
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Date of this report:

Number of applications submitted in the following categories:

Rateable value bands	A	B	C	D	E	Total
Total number of premises licence applications submitted to date						
How many of these are seeking to <u>vary</u> as well as convert existing permissions						
How many of these are seeking to extend trading by up to 2 hours per day						
How many of these are seeking to extend trading by more than 2 hours per day						
How many of your applications have attracted objections						

Please rate each of the following indicating in each case how satisfied you are (1 = very unhappy, 5 = very pleased):

The quality of information you are receiving from your licensing authority/ies	
Speed of basic application processes within licensing authority/ies	
Handling by licensing authority/ies of queries & concerns	

Do you have any specific concerns about the way in which reform is being implemented and applications handled? – especially if this overall report is based on many local authorities.

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