

Licensing applications in relation to business premises

Our barristers can advise you on the following licensing applications for your business, the sale or supply of alcohol, change of opening hours and entertainment purposes. Our barristers can also represent you when your application is heard by the local authority licensing committee, or in any appeal to the Magistrates' Court.

Timescales

Timescales for your case may vary depending on factors such as barristers' availability, the complexity of your application and the need for additional documents. As a guide, written advice on your application will be available within one to four weeks where possible.

Hearing dates for local authority licensing committees are set in advance, and our barristers will aim to represent you on your preferred hearing date where possible. If the local authority licensing committee refuses your application, appeals must be made to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days.

Fees

We charge fixed fees, which means that we will charge you a set amount of money for the work. These are based on an hourly rate which increases the more senior or experienced the Barrister you instruct is. Below we provide estimates based on the ranges of fixed fees for barristers in No5 Barristers' Chambers. All fees exclude VAT (where applicable).

Your fixed fees may vary depending on your needs – for example, your fees may be towards the higher end of the range if you need a more experienced barrister and/or you have a more complex case.

If you have a particularly complex case, your fees may also be higher than the estimates below.

| <u>Stage of Case</u> | <u>Ranges of fixed fees (estimates)</u> |
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| Written advice on your application | £500 - £2500 |
| Preparation including conferences with you and assistance with drafting of application | £1000 - £5000 |
| Local authority licensing committee hearing | £500 - £10,000 |
| Appeal to the Magistrates' Court – initial hearing | £500 - £10,000 |
| Appeal to the Magistrates' Court full hearing | £750 - £10,000 |

Hourly rate example

| <u>Stage of case</u> | <u>Ranges of hourly rates (estimates)</u> |
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| Written advice on your application | £100 – £350 |
| Preparation including conferences with you and assistance with drafting of application | £100 – £350 |
| Local authority licensing committee hearing | £100 – £350 |
| Appeal to the Magistrates' Court – initial hearing | £100 – £350 |
| Appeal to Magistrates Court – Full hearing | £100 – £350 |

Contact us

All information is correct as of January 2021, but fees are estimates only.

For the most accurate fixed fee estimate, please contact the clerks on 0845 210 5555 or e-mail Regulatory@no5.com