



# **IMPORTANT CHANGE TO LICENSING LAWS**

## **RENEWAL OF PERSONAL LICENCES TO SELL ALCOHOL**

You may not be aware but from 1 April 2015 it is now no longer necessary to renew a Personal Licence after ten years, as required when issued under the Licensing Act 2003.

Section 115 of the Licensing Act 2003 has been amended by section 69 of the Deregulation Act 2015, removing the requirement to renew Personal Licences.

This means that your Personal Licence will remain valid unless surrendered, suspended, revoked or declared forfeit by the Courts. Whilst Personal Licences issued by the District Council before April 2015 do have expiry dates on them, these licences will remain valid and such dates no longer have any effect.

There is no legal requirement for me to issue replacement personal licences or cards. However, if any of your details change, eg name, address etc, or if you obtain any relevant convictions which may affect your suitability to hold a Personal Licence, you are legally required to contact us. Any change of details will require an application fee of £10.50. On acceptance of your application you will be issued a replacement licence, without an expiry date.

If you have moved to Derbyshire Dales from another part of England or Wales, you should be aware that the Licensing Authority that issued your Personal Licence remains the "relevant licensing authority" for it, and you will to notify that authority, and not Derbyshire Dales, of any future changes to your personal details, or of any relevant convictions which may affect your suitability to hold a Personal Licence.

If you have a Personal Licence granted by Derbyshire Dales District Council and you have any queries regarding this legislative change, please contact the Licensing Team on 01629 761313; or at [licensing@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@derbyshiredales.gov.uk).

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