

## **Licensing Act 2003**

### **Application to vary a premises licence to specify an individual as designated premises supervisor Information on how to apply**

This guidance note is aimed at Premises Licence Holders who may need to apply to change the named Designated Premises Supervisor on a Premises Licence.

#### **What is a Designated Premises Supervisor?**

A Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is the person who has overall day to day responsibility for a premises and is said to supervise all sales of alcohol. The DPS should be present at the premises for the majority of the time that the premises are open. Only one DPS can be nominated but if that person should leave your employment you cannot continue to sell alcohol until another Personal Licence holder has been nominated as a DPS. An application must be made to North Tyneside Council Licensing Section immediately to replace them as DPS on the Premises Licence. We would therefore recommend that more than one person connected with a premises holds a Personal Licence.

#### **Change of DPS - Points to consider**

Please consider the following points below before completing your application.

- Your prospective Premises Supervisor must be a personal licence holder. Please ask to see their photocard licence and paper counter part to confirm this before you apply.
- The application form asks if you want the change to take immediate effect. If you tick this box the new DPS can take on their role during the application period (eg. while the Licensing Authority determines the application) In addition, the duties placed on a DPS by virtue of Section 15 of the Act will immediately transfer to the new DPS.
- The fee is £23 made payable to North Tyneside Council.

#### **How to apply**

1. Complete the application form
2. Ask your new premises supervisor to fill in and sign the consent form

3. Send the forms, your original premises licence plus the fee (£23) to Liquor Licensing (cheques made payable to North Tyneside Council)
4. Send a copy of your application to Northumbria Police
5. Give notice of your application to the existing/outgoing premises supervisor

### **Address Details**

Licensing Section  
The Killingworth Site  
Harvey Combe  
Killingworth  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE12 6UB

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North Tyneside Area Command  
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NE28 9NT

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