

Gambling Act 2005 – Premises Licences Annual Fee Setting Example

Tasks

(Betting Shop at **£99.05** per hour so **£1.65** per minute)

1. Collecting and processing annual fees, including revocation of premises licence if fee is not paid **20 minutes at 1.65 per minute x 68 premises = £2244**
2. Dealing with general enquiries and correspondence about gambling premises licence holders and the general public **60 minutes at 1.65 per minute x 68 premises = £6732**
3. Considering whether to initiate reviews in respect of premises licences issued ie. use made of premises, compliance with licence conditions **60 minutes at 1.65 per minute x 6.8 premises (10% of premises) = £673.20**
4. Dealing with review applications from 3rd parties ie. considering whether grounds for review sought are valid and notification of decisions **60 minutes at 1.65 per minute x 6.8 premises (10% of premises) = £673.20**
5. Resources used for any reviews held ie. pre review notice, considering representations received, preparation of and attendance at review, consideration of action required following review and notification of licensing authority's determination **420 minutes at 1.65 per minute x 6.8 premises (10% of premises) = £4712.40**
6. Updating register as a result of reviews or other changes ie. bankruptcy of licence holder, closure of premises, revocation of premises licence **15 minutes at 1.65 per minute x 34 premises (50% of premises) = £841.15**
7. Dealing with compliance related queries and correspondence about gambling premises from licence holders and the general public and making any related visits that do not comprise inspection **60 minutes at 1.65 per minute x 68 premises = £6732**
8. Resources incurred in respect of entry to premises and inspection of licence, records, layout etc., questioning of persons on the premises or removal of evidence – either for compliance or when offences are suspected of being committed **60 minutes at 1.65 per minute x 68 premises = £6732**
9. Exchanging information with the Gambling Commission, police, HM Revenue & Customs and other relevant bodies about, for example, inspections, enforcement and prosecutions **60 minutes at 1.65 per minute x 68 premises = £6732**
10. Review and revision of statement of principles and development of new policies **8640 minutes (144 hours) at 1.65 per minute divided by 3 (number of years over which policy is spread) = £4752 per year divided by 73 (number of known premises) = £65.09 per premises per year**

The annual fee for a betting shop has therefore been set by adding the sum of tasks 1 to 9 then dividing that by the number of betting shops (68), which gives £530.47.

The cost of reviewing the gambling statement of principles has been split into yearly amounts over 3 years (£4752 per year). This has been divided by 73 (total number of current licensed gambling premises in the borough) which gives £65.09 per premises per year. This is then added to the 530.47 to give a total proposed annual fee for a betting shop of 595.56 or **£596**.

The same rationale has been used for setting the annual fee for bingo halls (currently 3 premises), Adult Gaming Centres (currently 2 premises) licensed betting tracks and licensed Family Entertainment Centres.