

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT [MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS] ACT 1982****[18.260] – REFUSAL OF LICENCES**

- (1) A licence under this Schedule shall not be granted –
  - (a) to a person under the age of 18; or
  - (b) to a person who is for the time being disqualified under paragraph 17(3) [where a licence is revoked its holder shall be disqualified from holding or obtaining a licence in the area of the appropriate authority for a period of twelve months beginning with the date of revocation]; or
  - (c) to a person, other than a body corporate, who is not resident in the United Kingdom or was not so resident throughout the period of six months immediately preceding the date when the application was made; or
  - (d) to a body corporate which is not incorporated in the United Kingdom; or
  - (e) to a person who had, within a period of 12 months immediately preceding the date when the application was made, been refused the grant or renewal of a licence for the premises, vehicle, vessel or stall in respect of which the application is made, unless the refusal has been reversed on appeal
- (2) Subject to paragraph 27 [which deals with the method of appeal], the appropriate authority may refuse -
  - (a) an application for the grant or renewal of a licence on one or more of the grounds specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of that sub-paragraph.
- (3) The grounds mentioned in sub-paragraphs (2 and 3 above) are -
  - (a) that the applicant is unsuitable to hold the licence by reason of having been convicted of an offence or for any other reason;
  - (b) that if the licence were to be granted, renewed or transferred the business to which it relates would be managed by or carried on for the benefit of a person, other than the applicant, who would be refused the grant, renewal or transfer of such a licence if he made the application himself;
  - (c) that the number of sex establishments in the relevant locality at the time the application is made is equal to or exceeds the number which the authority consider is appropriate for that locality;
  - (d) that the grant or renewal of the licence would be inappropriate, having regard -
    - (i) to the character of the relevant locality; or
    - (ii) to the use to which any premises in the vicinity are put; or
    - (iii) to the layout, character or condition of the premises, vehicles, vessel or stall in respect of which the application is made.
- (4) Nil may be an appropriate number for the purposes of sub-paragraph (3)(c) above.
- (5) In this paragraph 'the relevant locality' means -
  - (a) in relation to the premises, the locality where they are situated; and
  - (b) in relation to a vehicle, vessel or stall, any locality where it is desired to use it as a sex establishment.