

Pubs and other alcohol licensed premises

Up to 31 August 2007, you may apply to your licensing authority to renew your existing Section 34 permit, or for a first Section 34 permit, in the normal way.

Your existing Section 34 permit will continue to have effect after 1 September 2007 as if it were a licensed premises gaming machine permit issued under the new Act.

After 1 September 2007, the following arrangements will apply:

- Up to two gaming machines – Pubs will have an automatic entitlement to two gaming machines, subject to a simple notification procedure. You should make this notification to your licensing authority prior to the expiry of your existing Section 34 permit.
- More than two gaming machines – Pubs which want to offer more than two gaming machines will need to apply to their licensing authority for a licensed premises gaming machine permit. You should apply at least two months before the date on which your Section 34 permit is due to expire.

This part applies to pubs and other alcohol licensed premises which are already making gaming machines available by virtue of a permit issued under Section 34 of the Gaming Act 1968 either by the licensing magistrates or, since November 2005, by their licensing authority under the Licensing Act 2003.