

Far North District Licensing Committee
Practice Note 3
Temporary Authority
Pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

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136 Temporary authorities: on-licences and off-licences

- (1) A licensing committee may, on the application of a person who appears to the committee to have any right, title, estate, or interest in any premises, or any business conducted in any premises, for which an on-licence or off-licence is in force, make an order authorising the applicant (or some suitable person nominated by the applicant) to carry on the sale and supply of alcohol for a period, not exceeding 3 months, stated in the order.

By their very nature Temporary Authorities (TA) are just that temporary!

Any licensed business owner must inform prospective purchasers that they are required to apply for a Temporary Authority well before the takeover date. This is to ensure there is sufficient time for the purchaser's bono fides to be enquired into, and reported on, by the Police and the Inspector.

Failure to do so may see business operating unlicensed and unable to sell alcohol while their application for a TA is being considered.

Once granted the DLC expects the applicant to promptly apply for the building and planning certificate and have the substantive on, or off, licence application lodged prior to the expiry of the TA.

A second TA may be granted if the delays are not of the applicants making. i.e. historic building issues that have been discovered during the vetting process.

In line with ARLA's expectations, a third or subsequent TA will be an exception and certainly not the rule.

These subsequent applications must be lodged well before the expiry of the current TA.

The DLC makes it clear that any unreasonable delays **of the applicants making** may see the business become unlicensed until the substantive application is determined.



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