

# Additional Licensing – Goole Licence Application

# Private Sector Housing An on-line application is also available at:

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#### **Private Sector Housing Team**

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### **HOUSING ACT 2004, PART 2 SECTION 55**

#### **ADDITIONAL LICENSING - GOOLE**

# LICENSING OF HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (HMO) – APPLICATION

Use this form if you want to apply for an Additional Licence application for a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) within the designated area in Goole.

Please return the completed form to:

Private Sector Housing Team, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Town Hall, Quay Road, Bridlington

YO16 4 LP

e-mail: private.sector.housing@eastriding.gov.uk

If you have more than one property which require a licence you will need to complete the property application for each (parts 4-9).

#### **IMPORTANT**

Please answer all questions unless directed.

IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN AN APPLICATION FOR AN HMO LICENCE OR FAIL TO COMPLY WITH ANY CONDITION OF THE LICENCE.

Please attach all relevant certificates of installation, inspection or maintenance. The declaration at the end of the application must be signed and dated before submitting.

Licence	Ref	erence	١	lum	ber
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I.I	osed Licence- holder deta  To be completed if applica	ant is an individual (and then move on to 1.3)				
	Name:					
	Address:					
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	Postcode:					
	Tel. No:	Mobile:				
	E-mail:					
	Date of Birth:	National Insurance No.				
	Are you responsible for the premises to be licensed? (Please tick appropriate box)	e day-to-day repairs, maintenance and tenant management of the Yes $\Box$ No $\Box$				
	If not, please note that part 3 will also need to be completed					
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1.2	To be completed if applicant is a Company/ Partnership or Charity Full Name of Company / Partnership or Charity (refer to note 1.2)					
	Address of Principal or Regis	tered Office				
	Telephone Number:					
	Names and Addresses of all I	Directors/Partners/Trustees (please use separate sheet of paper if necessary)				
	Is the company/ charity	responsible for the day-to-day repairs, maintenance and tenant				
	management of the premises	to be licensed (please tick appropriate box)  Yes $\square$ No $\square$				
	If not, please note that part 3	will need to be completed				
1.3	Details of any other person	(s) who has agreed to be bound by a condition contained in				

	the licence:	(please use additional sl	heet if required)		
	Full Name:				
	Address:				
		Postcode:		Tel.No:	:
	E-mail:				
1.4	Are you the appropriate box)		other Licensable	HMO's in th	e Council's area? (Please tick
				Yes 🗆	No 🗆
	If Yes, have y	you made an applicatio	on in respect of any o	ther property? (	Please tick appropriate box)
				Yes 🗆	No 🗆
	Please give fo	ull address of each pro	perty or licence num	ber (continue on a	n additional sheet if necessary)
1.5	Are you the		Licensable propertie	es in another lo	cal authority area? (please tick
				Yes $\square$	No 🗆
	, ,	give full address of ear nue on an additional sheet		local authority to	o which you have applied for a
1.6	-				ce refused or revoked in
		other local authori	•	Yes	No 🗆
	If yes, please	provide details and da	tes		

	Part 2.							
	Licence- holder test of fitness and compliance with management conditions  If you answer yes to any of the following questions in this section, please give details including dates below.							
•	Continue on a separate sheet where necessary.							
Pleas	e Note:The Council may carry out the necessary legal checks on all applicants							
2.1	Have you been convicted of, or formally cautioned for any offences relating to fraud, dishonesty, violence or drugs or sexual offences as set out in Schedule 3, Sexual Offences Act 2003? (Spent convictions are not, in this context, taken into account) (Please tick appropriate box) (Refer to notes Part 2 and 2.1)							
	Yes □ No □							
2.2	Have you had a finding against you by a court or tribunal that you have practised unlawful discrimination on grounds of sex, colour, race, ethnic or national origins or disability in, or in connection with, the carrying on of any business? (please tick appropriate box)  Yes \( \sum \text{No} \sum \text{No} \sum \text{No} \sum \text{No} \sum \text{No} \sum \text{No} \text{No} \text{No} \text{No} \text{No} \text{No} \( \text{No} \text							
2.3	Have you been convicted or formally cautioned for failing to comply with a Housing Act Notice in the past 5 years, in any local authority? (Please tick appropriate box) (Refer to note 2.3)							
	Yes $\square$ No $\square$							
2.4	Have you been convicted or formally cautioned for any charges relating to harassment and illegal eviction in the past 5 years? (Please tick appropriate box) (Refer to note 2.4)  Yes \( \sum \text{No } \text							
2.5	Have you been in control of a property subject to a HMO Control Order, an Interim Management Order, a Final Management Order or has any local authority carried out work in default to premises of which you have been the owner or manager in the past 5 years? (Refer to note 2.5) (Please tick appropriate box)							
	If yes please give details  Yes No							
2.6	Have you been convicted of any offence, formally cautioned or subject to any other proceedings brought by any local Authority or other Regulatory Body (for example breaches of the Environmental Protection Act, planning control or fire safety requirements)? (Please tick appropriate box)  Yes \( \sum \) No \( \sum \)							
2.7	Have you been declared bankrupt?  (Please tick appropriate box)							
Sigr Prir	eclare that to the best of my knowledge and belief all the information in this application is true.  Date:  The Full name:  Distriction (if acting on behalf of a company):							
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#### **Data Protection Statement**

We need your personal data to enable this Council to issue a HMO licence. We may also use it for prevention and detection of fraud. We may share it with local or national organisations such as other Council Departments, other Local Housing Authorities, the Police, Fire Service and the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) as part of our joint approach to ensuring that only fit and proper people are licensed to own or manage Houses in Multiple Occupation. Elected members of the Council may have access when considering the application.

Data held by this Local Housing Authority in respect of the licensing of HMOs shall be kept in a Register as required by Section 232 of the Housing Act 2004. The information in this Register (with the exception of any convictions) shall be available, upon request, to public inspection.

We will keep your personal data safe and secure and will not disclose it to anyone else without your consent, unless we are required by law to do so

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		ny of the following questions in this section, please give details including dates below. sheet where necessary.				
Pleas	se Note:The Cour	ncil may carry out the necessary legal checks on all applicants				
3.1	Full name (block le	etters):				
	Address:	Telephone numbers Home:				
	Postcode	Work/Mobile:				
	E-mail Addre	ess: ———				
	Date of Birth:	National Insurance No:				
3.2	dishonesty, vio Offences Act 2	convicted of, or formally cautioned for any offences relating to fraud, plence or drugs or sexual offences as set out in Schedule 3, Sexual 2003? (Spent convictions are not, in this context, taken into account) box) (Refer to notes Part 2 and 2.1)				
		Yes □ No □				
3.3	unlawful discri	a finding against you by a court or tribunal that you have practised mination on grounds of sex, colour, race, ethnic or national origins or in connection with, the carrying on of any business?(please tick appropriate box)  Yes \( \sum \) No \( \sum \)				

3.4	Have you been convicted or formally cautioned for failing to comply with a Housing Act Notice in the past 5 years, in any local authority? (Please tick appropriate box) (Refer to not 2.3)				
	, and the second	Yes	No 🗆		
3.5	Have you been convicted of any charges related	ting to harassn	nent and illegal eviction		
	in the past 5 years? (Refer to note 2.4) (Please tick appr	_	_		
		Yes	No 🗆		
3.6	Have you been in control of a property subject Management Order, a Final Management Or out work in default to premises of which you the past 5 years? (Refer to note 2.5) (Please tick appropri	der or has any I have been th	local authority carried		
	If yes please give details:	Yes 🗆	No 🗆		
3.7	Have you been convicted of any offence or subby any local Authority or other Regulatory Environmental Protection Act, planning contro (Please tick appropriate box)	Body (for ex	ample breaches of the requirements)?		
	I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief all the Signature:				
	Print Full Name:				

PROF	PERTY DETAILS
Part	t 4.
Info	rmation about your interest in the property
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Please	e answer each question in turn unless otherwise directed.
4.1	Full address of the property to which the licence application applies
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	Postcode
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	Is this a: House? Yes ☐ No ☐ Flat? Yes ☐ No ☐
4.2	Annual the course of the second of the secon
4.2	Are you the owner? (refer to note 4.2) (Please tick appropriate box)
	Yes □ No □
	Do you (alone or jointly with others), own the freehold of the property or hold a
	lease/tenancy of it with at least 5 years still to run? If No, go to 4.5 (Please tick appropriate box)
	Yes □ No □
	If Yes, please indicate which interest you own:
	in res, please indicate which interest you own.
	Freehold $\square$ Lease/Tenancy with at least 5 years still to run $\square$
4.4	If you own the interest jointly with other people, please give the names and addresses
	of your co-owners: (please continue on separate sheet if necessary)
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	Name and address of the mortgage provider (if any) of the property or any part of it
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5. I							
3.1	Has planning permission been granted for use as a house in multiple occupation? (refeto note 5.1) (please tick appropriate box)						
	If (V-2) - 1		Yes 🗆	No 🗆	Don't know □		
	If 'Yes' please give date and	reference number of your	application:				
	Date:	•••••	Reference num	nber:			
5.2		lt, or provided by con	version, befor	e 1991? (	refer to note 5.2) (Please tick		
	appropriate box)		Yes 🗆	No 🗆	Don't know □		
	Please give date if known:						
5.3	When the property w	as converted or flats	created was (	refer to no	ote 5.2): (please tick appropriate		
	Planning permission given?		Yes 🗆	No 🗆	Don't know □		
			163 🗀	140	DOIL KNOW		
	Building Notice given?		Yes 🗌	No 🗆	Don't know □		
	Was the work carried ou above?	it in accordance with the	Yes 🗌	No□	Don't know □		
5.4	Are any of the flats family)? (Refer to note 5.		y the owner	or freeh	older (including their		
	,, ,	, (	Yes $\square$	No 🗆			
	If yes please specify						
Desci	iption of Property						
5.5	Please tick all the floo	rs the premises has re	sidential acco	mmodati	ion on:		
	Basement $\square$	Ground Floor	First Floor		Second Floor		
	Third Floor ☐ F	ourth Floor	Fifth Floor		Sixth Floor and above		
	Total number of storey's						
5.6	Type of Property (please	tick appropriate box)					
	Detached House S	emi-detached $\square$	Terraced $\square$		Converted Flat		
5.7	Category of property	(blease tick appropriate hox)					
			Elatin single		Flat in multiple		
1	House in single H	louse in multiple	Flat in single		Flat in multiple		

	occupation	Occupation $\Box$	occupat	tion 🗆	occupation	
	A house converted into and comprising only of self contained flats.  Other e.g. "Corridor flats."	f block of flats	for bot	e in a building use th residential an s purposes		
5.8	Approximate Date	of construction: (	please tick appropriate	box)		
	Pre-1919 🗆	1919-1945	1946- 1	964 🗆	1965-1980	
	Post 1980 🗆					
5.9	When was the last appropriate box)	t time you carrie	d out any wo	rks of repair (	or improvem	ent? (Please tick
	Less than I year ago	Between	I and 3 years $\Box$	More	than 3 years ago	
	Please state description	works and date carri	ed out:			
	Has the Council served	any notices upon you	?	Yes No		
	If the answer is YES, have	ve the notices been co	omplied with? Y	es No		
5.10	How would you best describe the property (for definition refer to point 5.10)					
	Bed-sits	Shared house		ommodation	Hostel type	odation
	Other: e.g. "Corrido flat"	r	(short	term)	(long term)	
Ameni	ty Details					
5.11	How many separate	letting units are the	ere in the build	ing?		
5.12	How many bedro normally used as b				all rooms	Total
5.13	How many rooms (a) Kitchen or cooking number in box)	-		ond floor front re	oom) (enter total	Total
	(b) Bathroom or Showe	er room with toilets (s	state location) (ent	er total number in box)		

	(c) Bathroom or Shower room without toilets (state location) (enter total number in box)	
	(d) Number of toilets (state location)(do not include those at (b) above) (enter total number in box)	
Shari	ring of Facilities	
5.14	(a) How many shared kitchens or cooking facilities in the property? (Enter total number in box)	
	(b) How many shared baths/showers in the property? (Enter total number in box)	
	(c) How many shared toilets in the property? (Enter total number in box)	
Non S	Self-contained Accommodation	
5.15	(a) How many of the units have one or more of their exclusive amenities located outside the unit?	
	(Refer to note 5.10 (d))	
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I <b>£</b>		
	mation about occupants  How many people currently live in the property?	
	mation about occupants	
6.1	How many people currently live in the property?  Please specify number including how many could it accommodate?  How many Individuals? (Enter total number in How many households? (Enter total number households)	otal number
6.1	How many people currently live in the property?  Please specify number including children  How many could it accommodate?	otal number
6.1	How many people currently live in the property?  Please specify number including how many could it accommodate?  How many Individuals? (Enter total number in How many households? (Enter total number households)	otal number
6.2	How many people currently live in the property?  Please specify number including How many could it accommodate?  How many Individuals? (Enter total number in appropriate box)  How many Individuals? (Enter total number in appropriate box)	
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6.2	How many people currently live in the property?  Please specify number including How many could it accommodate?  How many Individuals? (Enter total number in appropriate box)  How many occupants do you wish the licence to be for (Enter total number in appropriate Do you provide tenants with a written statement/ tenancy agreement  Detailing terms of their tenancy?  Yes	e box)
6.2	How many people currently live in the property?  Please specify number including How many could it accommodate?  How many Individuals? (Enter total number in appropriate box)  How many occupants do you wish the licence to be for (Enter total number in appropriate Do you provide tenants with a written statement/ tenancy agreement  Detailing terms of their tenancy?  Yes	e box)

# **Property Information**

Please indicate the location of each separate letting units(bedroom/bedsit) and complete all the information boxes.

Indicate vacant rooms.

Floor Level  (e.g. Basement, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)	Room / flat Number	Description of Room (e.g. Kitchen, Bedroom)	Approximate Dimensions of Room	Number of Occupants using Room

	IENT INFORMATION  n of this section is your declaration that the proper	rty complie	s with section 4 of the H	<b>Housing</b>
Part 7. Fire safe	ty			
7.1	Does the property have any of the following $box$ (Refer to note 7.1)	ways of det	tecting a fire? (Please tick of	appropriate
	Battery operated smoke detectors	Yes $\square$	No □How many? [	
	Interlinked smoke detectors	Yes 🗆	No □How many? [	
	Full alarm system and fire alarm panel	Yes $\square$	No 🗆	
	Emergency Lighting system	$_{Yes}\;\square$	No □	
	If yes, please provide details on the type of system:			
	Location of smoke detectors:			
	Date installed:			
	Date of check by competent contractor:  (Please submit valid test certification with ap	plication)		
7.2	Main Escape Route (Refer to note 7.2) Is the main escape route:			
	(a) Protected by self-closing fire resisting doors?		Yes 🗆	No
			163	140
	(b) kept clear of flammable materials and other obstructions?		Yes 🗆	No
7.3	Is the stairwell and escape route protected in the		· <u> </u>	
		Yes $\square$	№ Ц	
7.4	Is the following fire safety equipment available	_	roperty? (Please tick appropri	ate box)
	(a) Fire Blankets	Yes $\square$	No 🗆	
	If yes, how many? and where located			
	(b) Fire extinguishers	Yes 🗆	No 🗆	
	If yes how many? and where located			
7.5	Are there any notices displayed in the prope	erty instruc	cting the occupants w	vhat to

			• • •	
	do in the event of a fire? (Please tick appropriate box)			
		Yes $\square$	No 🗆	
	If yes how many? and where located			
7.6	Do you provide upholstered furniture? (Please to	Yes	(Refer to note 7	.6)
	If yes, does it all comply with the Furnishings (Fire Safe	ty) Amendment Yes	Regulations 1993	?
Part 8.	•			
Gas and	electrical equipment			
8.1 Does the property have any gas installations/appliances? (Please tick note 8.1)				ite box) (Refer to
		Yes 🗆	No 🗆	
	If yes, a copy of the annual gas safety certific	ate must be	provided.	
8.2	Has the property had an electrical safety appropriate box) (Refer to note 8.2)	inspection in	•	ears? (Please tick
	If yes, please give date and attach report if available:			
	If no, please provide report confirming the current con	ndition of the ins	tallation.	
8.3	Are the electrical appliances (e.g. kettles, vacu appliance testing?		_	to portable
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Other relevant persons who need to be informed

You must let certain persons know in writing that you have made this application or give them a copy of it. You can do this by completing the enclosed form. The persons who need to know

A valid copy of the electrical safety inspection certificate for all appliances must be provided

#### about it are:

- Any mortgagee of the property
- Any owner of the property to which the application relates (if it is not you) i.e. the freeholder and any head lessees who are known to you
- Any other person who is a tenant or long leaseholder of the property or any part of it (including any flat) who is known to you other than a statutory tenant or other tenant whose lease or tenancy is for less than three years (including a periodic tenancy)
- The proposed licence holder (if it is not you)
- The proposed managing agent (if it is not you)
- Any person who has agreed that he will be bound by any condition or conditions in a licence if it is granted.

#### You must tell each of these persons:

- Your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address or fax (if any)
- The name, address, telephone number and e-mail address or fax (if any) of the proposed licence holder (if it is not you)
- That this is an application made under Part 2 of the Housing Act 2004
- The address of the property to which this application relates
- The name and address of the local housing authority to which the application will be made
- The date the application will be submitted

I/we declare that I/we have served a notice of this application on the following persons who are the only persons known to me/us that are required to be informed that I/we have made this application.

#### Continue on separate sheet if necessary

Name	Address	Description of person's interest in the property or the application	Date Notice served

#### **DECLARATION**

# WARNING: IF YOU KNOWINGLY MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT OR FAIL TO COMPLY WITH ANY CONDITION OF THE LICENCE YOU MAY BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION

In considering whether the required standards and or conditions have been met the Local Authority may take into account other evidence available to it in addition to this declaration. An officer may also need to visit the property to check the situation and the accuracy of the declaration. If we need to visit, we will contact you to arrange a suitable time.

Note: Your application will <u>NOT</u> be valid unless you complete all the relevant parts of this form, provide all necessary documents and pay the required fee.

knowl housir 2004	declare that the information contained in this application is correct to the best of edge. I/we understand that I/we commit an offence if I/we supply any information and authority in connection with any of their functions under any of Parts I to 4 of that is false or misleading and which I/we know is false or misleading or I/we are ser it is false or misleading.	on to a local of the Housing Act
Signat	ure: Date:	
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Print l	Full Name:	
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Position	on (if acting on behalf of a company):	
Signat	ure: Date:	
Print l	Full Name:	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
Position	on (if acting on behalf of a company):	
Signat	ure: Date:	
Print l	Full Name:	
Position	on (if acting on behalf of a company):	
Encle	osures	Tick items enclosed
Α	Annual maintenance record for automatic fire detection system (if applicable)	
В	GAS SAFE registered Commissioning and annual Gas Safety Inspection certificates	
С	Cheque for licensing fee	
D	Completed Fire Risk Assessment for property	

	E	Evidence of current Public Liability Insurance	
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# **EQUALITIES MONITORING FORM**

In order to understand better how we are serving different types of people we need to know some things about you:-

Gender	Male $\square$	Female $\Box$				
Age	Under 14	25 – 34	55 – 64			
Ethnicity White: British						
Disability	Disabled	Not disab	oled			
The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (as amended by the Disability Discrimination Act 2005) defines disability as a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day to day activities						
Religion	No religion   Buddhist  Christian	Hindu   Jewish   Muslim	Sikh  Other  (please specify)			
Sexuality	Hetrosexu	al $\square$				

Lesbian/Gay	
Bisexual	

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Please be assured that the information you have provided will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Please note that the completing of the equalities monitoring form is optional and is not a requirement of licensing.



## **GUIDANCE NOTES**

Before completing and submitting an application for a licence for a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO), please ensure that you have read the following guidance notes. If you require any further advice regarding the Licensing Scheme or the relevant standards, please contact the Housing Renewal Team (01482) 396319.

In these notes, "the Act" means the Housing Act 2004 and unless otherwise stated, all references to sections etc are to sections in the Act. Part 2 of the Act introduces a mandatory scheme to licence HMOs of a description contained in regulations. It is intended initially to apply to larger, higher risk HMOs of 3 or more storeys occupied by 5 or more people who form 2 or more single households.

#### Meaning of "HMO"

The definition of a **House in Multiple Occupation (HMO)** is set out in sections 254 to 259 of the Housing Act 2004 and means a building, or part of a building, such as a flat, that:

- Is occupied by more than one household and where more than one household shares, or lacks, an amenity such as a bathroom, toilet or cooking facilities; or
- Is occupied by more than one household and is a converted building which does not
  entirely comprise of self-contained flats (whether or not some amenities are shared or
  lacking) "Corridor flats" where one or more of the amenities provided for the exclusive
  use of a unit are located outside of that unit e.g. along a corridor or landing are not selfcontained and as such fall under the definition of a HMO; or
- Is comprised entirely of converted self-contained flats but does not meet as a minimum, the
  requirements of the Building Regulations 1991, and that at least one third of the flats are
  occupied under short term tenancies.

#### Part I. Licence - holder details

1.2 If the applicant is a company or similar body, give the official (registered) address.

#### Part 2 Licence holder test of fitness and compliance with management conditions

The local authority must be satisfied that the person applying for an HMO licence is a "fit and proper person" to hold a licence. The same test applies to any person managing the premises and any director or partner in a company or organisation, which owns or manages the HMO.

The local authority may check with the police whether the applicant has any relevant convictions and may approach other authorities and agencies such as the Fire Service, Office of Fair Trading,

Citizens Advice Bureau, Health and Safety Executive and any internal department of the Council. Not all convictions would be relevant to a person's prospective role as an operator of an HMO, for example motoring offences would not be relevant but a conviction for fraud or theft could be since the licence holder/ manager would be in a position of trust.

- 2.1 If you do have any convictions you are required to declare, these should not be sent with the application for licence but should be sent under separate confidential cover. Unspent convictions may be convictions for which the rehabilitation period has not been completed, or convictions, which are excluded from the Act (i.e. never spent). If you are unsure about any matter, please contact us.
- 2.3 A notice under section 189 of the Housing Act 1985 is a repair notice for premises which are unfit for human inhabitation. A notice under section 190 of the 1985 Act is a repair notice for premises which, although fit for human habitation, require substantial repair. A section 189 or 190 notice specifying works to the common parts of a building may be served on a person who is an owner of that part of the building (or the building as a whole) who, in the opinion of the Council serving the notice, ought to carry out the works. Part 1 of the Housing Act 2004 replaces the existing housing fitness standard contained in the Housing Act 1985 with the Housing Health and Safety Rating System.
- 2.4 Contravened any provision of any enactment relating to housing or of landlord and tenant law; including any civil proceedings in which judgement was made against the proposed licence holder or manager.
- 2.5 The proposed licence holder or manager owned or has owned a property which has been subject to a control order under section 379 of the Housing Act 1985(a) in the last 5 years, been subject to an interim management order or final management order or a special interim management order under the Housing Act 2004.

#### Part 4. Information about the interest in the property

- 4.1 A flat is a dwelling, which is a separate set of premises, whether or not on the same floor, divided horizontally from some other part of the building.
- 4.2 "Owner" or "person having control" is the person who receives (directly or as an agency or trustee) the market rents from the tenants for a given premises or is otherwise entitled to receive the rents if the premises were let. The owner is also entitled to dispose of the fee simple of the premises.

#### Part 5. Information about the property

5.1 Planning permission may or may not be required in relation to your HMO. If you are not sure whether permission or approval is required for the property for which you are seeking a licence, contact the Council's Development Control Section. Where permission or approval has already been obtained, please enclose a copy with your application.

- 5.2 If the property was built or was provided by conversion after 1991 you may not require a licence if the works were carried out in accordance the relevant Building Regulations. If you are unsure about any matter, please contact us.
- 5.4 A person is a member of the same family as another person if, those persons are married to each other or live together as husband and wife (or in an equivalent relationship in the case of persons of the same sex); one of them is a relative of the other. "Relative" means parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece.
- 5.10 a) Bed-sits are defined as being houses occupied as individual rooms where there is some exclusive occupation (usually bedroom/living room) and some sharing of amenities (bathroom and/or toilet and/or kitchen). Each occupant lives otherwise independently of all others.
  - b) Shared houses are defined as houses occupied by members of a defined group eg students or a group of young single adults. The occupiers each enjoy exclusive use of a bedroom but would share other facilities including a communal living space.
  - c) Hostels (guesthouses and bed and breakfast hotels) are defined as houses that provide accommodation for people with no other permanent place of residence as distinct from hotels, which provide accommodation for temporary visitors to an area. This category would include establishments used by local authorities to house homeless families pending permanent placement and similar establishments which provide accommodation for people who would otherwise be homeless. It would also include bona fide hotels used for such purposes, even on a casual basis, and hotels housing a mixture of homeless households and visitors.
  - d) "Corridor flats" are units of accommodation within a converted building where one or more of the amenities provided for the exclusive use of that accommodation are located outside its front door and access to such amenities e.g. bathroom, toilet or kitchen, is via a common landing or area.

#### Part 7. Arrangements for fire safety

Every HMO must have adequate fire precautions including provisions for

- a) Detection and giving warning in case of fire;
- b) Escape from the building;
- c) Fighting fire.

A risk assessment should be carried out by or on behalf of the applicant to establish both the risk of fire occurring and the risk to people in the event of fire. This would apply to everyone who may be in the HMO (residents, staff and visitors) and should take adequate account of any one with special needs. This assessment will show whether the existing fire precautions are adequate and what changes need to be made. The Fire Risk Assessment form (Appendix 2) enclosed with the Application Pack, should be completed and returned with your application and other documents.

7.1 If your house has been fitted with a mains interlinked smoke alarm system, single point smoke detectors or battery operated smoke detectors, the system should be checked and serviced

- at least once every year by either a specialist contractor or a competent electrician as detailed in appendix 1.
- 7.2 Doors should be fully self-closing and all latches should connect without resistance
- 7.3 The walls surrounding a protected escape route, a protected lobby or lift well must be constructed of materials of at least a half hour fire resistance. Materials enclosing meters, pipes etc. in the common exit route should be undamaged and have a half hours fire resistance.
- 7.6 All upholstered furniture provided with rented accommodation must comply with the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1993. This means that all materials must have passed cigarette and match ignition tests and the filling materials must have passed flammability test. If your furniture complies it should have a label attached permanently with the lining giving details as appropriate

#### Part 8. Arrangements for gas and electrical safety

- 8.1 Under the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 the Landlord must have an annual gas safety check on all gas appliances by a CORGI registered gas installer.
- 8.2 A regular and appropriate inspection of the electrical wiring installation is required at intervals of no more than 5 years to ensure to that the health and safety of your tenants is not compromised. The landlord is required to declare that the electrical system and any appliances provided by the landlord are safe. This should be done by a competent electrician qualified to undertake such inspection and testing. See appendix I for who is a competent electrician.

#### Appendix I

#### When is an Electrician Competent?

This is for the purposes of checking whether the Domestic Electrical Installation Periodic Inspection Reports, submitted for the purposes of Licensing, have been completed by a competent electrician.

The electrician will be classed as a competent person if:

1. They are a member of a recognised electrical institution, such as:

**NICEIC** - The electrician will be called an Approved Contractor.

**ECA** - The electrician will be called a Registered Member.

**NAPIT** - The electrician will be called an Approved Electrical Inspector.

2. Under Approved Document P of the Building Regulations 2000, they are a member of a competent persons self-certification scheme, covering electrical installation work in dwellings, such as:

#### **BRE Certification Limited**

This scheme, operated with the support of the Electrical Contractors Association and the Institution of Electrical Engineers, is primarily designed for those whose main business is electrical contracting and those who wish to be able to self-certify all types of electrical work in dwellings. For more information on this scheme see <a href="https://www.partp.co.uk">www.partp.co.uk</a>

#### **British Standards Institution**

This scheme, which will be known as the Kitemark Scheme for electrical installation work, is primarily designed for those whose main business is electrical contracting and those who wish to be able to self-certify all types of electrical work in dwellings. For more information on this scheme see <a href="https://www.kitemarktoday.com">www.kitemarktoday.com</a>

#### **ELECSA Limited**

This scheme, operated with the support of the British Board of Agreement, is primarily designed for those whose main business is electrical contracting and those who wish to be able to self-certify all types of electrical work in dwellings. For more information on this scheme see <a href="https://www.elecsa.org.uk">www.elecsa.org.uk</a>

#### **NAPIT Certification Limited**

This scheme is designed primarily for those whose main business is electrical contracting and will allow its members to self-certify all types of electrical installation work in dwellings. For more information on this scheme see <a href="https://www.napit.org.uk">www.napit.org.uk</a>

#### **NICEIC Certification Services Limited**

This scheme, which is known as the Domestic Installer Scheme, is designed for those who wish to be able to self-certify all types of electrical work in dwellings either as an electrical contractor or as part of an ancillary trade activity. For more information on this scheme see <a href="https://www.niceic.org.uk">www.niceic.org.uk</a>

- 3. They can produce a copy of their original qualifications and evidence of their experience, such as:
- (a) City & Guilds 2360 Part I and 2 plus an NVQ level 3.
- (b) City & Guilds 2360 Part I and 2 and have been working in industry for the last 5 years.
- (c) City & Guilds 2381. (This was set up as a "refresher" course to inform electricians who completed 2360 Part I and 2 some time ago, of the changes to BS 7671. Possession of this alone does not imply competence.)
- (d) City & Guilds 2351, combined with NVQ level 3 will imply competence. (This qualification is no longer on the teaching syllabus.)
- (e) City & Guilds 2330. This is a level 2 and 3 qualification. When combined with a NVQ level 3 will imply competence. (This qualification will replace City & Guilds 2360 and 2351 and the first candidates will not graduate until 2008.)
- (f) City & Guilds 2391 combined with 5 years practical experience will imply competence, with the inspection and testing process.

It should be noted that Regulation 16 of the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989 requires that a competent person should possess both technical knowledge and experience. It is the person who is at work who is responsible in law, and as such any

possession of certificates only point towards possible/probable competence. Should anything go wrong in an electrical system it will not be the inspecting body that will be prosecuted (NICEIC/NAPIT etc) but rather the person and/or company working on the electrical system that will have to justify the decisions that they have made.