



Licences A to Z



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Licences and registrations are required from us for a number of activities and you are not permitted to carry out the activities until the licences are in place.

For certain activities, you may not need a licence from us, but from another organisation.

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Animal boarding licence

 [Animal Boarding is now licensed under the new Animal Activities Licence](#)

Animal movement

The conditions which apply to the movement of animals vary according to the type of animal, the destination and the type of trip.

Licences can be obtained from the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs. ([DEFRA](#))

Building materials

If you wish to place building materials on any part of the highway you need to get permission from [Hertfordshire County Council](#).

A licence is not normally necessary if materials are placed on private land.

Car boot sale

You do not need a licence from us for a car boot sale.

Caravan site

You need a licence to run a [caravan and camping site](#).

Charity collections

You need a permit if you want to carry out [house-to-house collections](#), you also need a [permit for street collections](#)

Dangerous wild animals

[You need a licence from us to keep a dangerous wild animal.](#)

Dog breeding

[Dog Breeding is now licensed under the new Animal Activities Licence](#)

Food business registration

[You need to be registered with us to run a food business.](#)

Gambling premises

[Premises such as casinos, bingo halls betting shops and amusement arcades need a licence under the Gambling Act 2005](#)

Highway projection

If something you are doing may protrude / project over a public highway you may need a licence from [Hertfordshire County Council](#).

Lotteries

[You need to register certain types of lottery and submit returns.](#)

Performing Animals

 [Performing Animals are licensed under the new Animal Activities Licence](#)

Performance / stage licences for school age children

Children taking part in performances, such as broadcast performances, child photography or modelling, must have a licence from

 [Hertfordshire County Council](#).

Petroleum licensing

Petroleum licensing is carried out by  [Hertfordshire County Council](#).

Pet shop

 [Pet Shops and Animal Vending are now licensed under the new Animal Activities Licence](#)

Riding premises

 [Riding Premises are now licensed under the new Animal Activities Licence](#)

Scaffolding and hoarding

When carrying out any building work/maintenance or removal of any part of a property which is adjacent to the public highway (road, pavement or rear lane), the safety of all users of the highway must be paramount. Permission is required from Hertfordshire County Council.

 [Scaffolding licensing application - external website](#)


Scrap metal

 [Scrap Metal Dealers are licenced under the Scrap Metal Act 2013](#)

Second hand goods

You do not need a licence to trade in second hand goods in Hertsmere, but some local authorities require that you do so if you are going elsewhere remember to check with the relevant local authority first.

Skips

You need a licence from Hertfordshire County Council if you wish to place a skip on the highway.  [Skip licensing application - external website](#).

Street cafe

If you want to use a portion of a public street, road or place for the sale of food and drink and for the placing of tables, chairs and other furniture outside a restaurant or cafe for customers to use then you need to complete a [street cafe application](#) from Hertfordshire County Council.

Should you wish to apply for a temporary pavement licence under the Business and Planning Act 2020, please click [here](#).

Street trading

[You do not currently need a licence from us to trade in our streets, although in many areas this is prohibited.](#)

Sunday trading

[Large shops - those over 280sq.meteres - have certain restrictions when they trade on a Sunday.](#)

Water sports

Certain adventure activities for under 18s need to undergo inspection of their safety management systems and become licensed.

Activities covered include commercially run:

- caving
- climbing
- trekking
- watersports

You need to apply to the [Adventure Activities Licensing Authority](#)

Zoo

[You need a licence from us to run a zoo.](#)

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