

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACTS 1964 & 1970

RIDING ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE

GUIDANCE NOTES

Complete the application form and send to the Legal and Democratic Services, Licensing Team, John Muir House, Haddington, EH41 3HA.

1. The following is to be submitted with the completed application form:
 - a) The appropriate licence fee
 - b) All training certification
 - c) Insurance policy documentation
2. The application should be submitted at least 6 weeks prior to the date from which you wish the licence to operate. It is an offence to operate a Riding Establishment without a licence.
3. In terms of the Act, the Council, as the licensing authority, are required to pass a copy of the completed application form to the Chief Constable.
4. It is the responsibility of the licence holder to ensure that any necessary consents are obtained, where required e.g. the permission of a landowner to trade from their ground, planning consent etc. prior to the commencement of trading.
5. A licence may be granted to an individual over the age of 18 years or a body corporate. It will be a condition of any licence granted that the carrying on of business of a riding establishment shall at no time be left in the charge of a person under 16 years of age.
6. It will be a condition of any licence granted that no horse will be let out on hire for riding or used for providing instruction in, without supervision by a responsible person of age 16 years or over unless (in the case of a horse let out for hire for riding), the holder of the licence is satisfied that the hirer of the horse is competent to ride without supervision.

7. a) 'Horse' includes any mare, gelding, pony, foal, colt, filly or stallion and also any ass, mule or jennet

b) The Act regulates riding establishments, which let out horses on hire or use them for the purpose of providing, in return for payment, instruction in riding or for the purpose of demonstrating riding
- 8 A licence is valid from the date of issue or from the first day of January next. Please state your preference.
9. New applicants must obtain Planning Permission to use the premises as a Riding Establishment, or erect new stables or other buildings on the site, or for a change of use for all, or some of the land to be used as a Riding Establishment.