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LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005, SECTION 142

OCCASIONAL LICENCE APPLICATION FORM

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Before completing this form please read the guidance notes.

If you are completing this form by hand, please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written or typed in black ink. Use additional sheets, if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

1. LICENCE DETAILS (see note 1)

Premises licence number (if applicable) _____

Personal licence number (if applicable) 547100

Name of voluntary organisation (if applicable) _____

2. PERSONAL DETAILS

Title (delete as appropriate):

~~Mr~~ / Mrs / ~~Miss~~ / ~~Ms~~ / Other (please state) _____

Surname Pacitti

Forenames Nataschia

Date of birth (Day / Month / Year) ██████████

2. PERSONAL DETAILS (cont)

Address where ordinarily resident to be used for correspondence purposes

[REDACTED]

Post town [REDACTED] Post code [REDACTED]

Telephone Numbers

Daytime Tel. [REDACTED] Evening Tel. [REDACTED]

Mobile No. [REDACTED]

Fax No. [REDACTED] Email [REDACTED]

3. THE PREMISES

Description of premises

Restaurant premises located on the ground floor of a building on
High Street, Tranent.

Description of activities to be carried on in the premises – (including number of persons expected to attend)

Restaurant facilities, may be private parties, takeaways and
possible deliveries. Capacity is 70 plus takeaway customers.

Full postal address of premises which this application refers to

La Trattoria, 119 High Street, Tranent, EH33 1LW

4. DURATION OF LICENCE

Date From Thursday 9th October 2025

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Time From 11am

11pm Monday-Wednesday

1am Thursday-Saturday

Midnight Sunday

5. Is alcohol to be sold on & off the premises

YES ☒ NO ☐

Provide relevant details as to hours requested when alcohol will be sold on/off the premises.

Times for sale of alcohol for consumption on premises

11am to 11pm Monday-Wednesday; 11am to 1am, Thursday-Saturday, Midnight Sunday.

Times for sale of alcohol for consumption off premises

11am to 10pm

Statement of the times at which any activity other than the sale of alcohol will be carried on in the premises

May open at 9am for breakfasts, snacks, takeaways etc.

6. CHILDREN (see note 2)

This section must be completed where alcohol is for sale for consumption on the premises

Are children or young persons permitted entry?

YES ☒ NO ☐

(If answered yes the remainder of this section must be completed)

Ages of children or young persons permitted entry No restriction (0-17 years)

Times at which children or young persons permitted entry No restriction subject to management discretion.

Parts of premises to which children or young persons permitted entry

All public areas.

7. CHECKLIST

1. I am a responsible person (16 or over) with the right to sign a contract for the purpose of this application.

YES ☒

8. Signature and declaration by applicant

DECLARATION

The contents of this Application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed _____

15/8/15

Macdonald Licensing

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NOTES

1. Section 56 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 provides that only:

- The holder of a premises licence
- The holder of a personal licence
- A person authorised by any relevant authority

is eligible to apply for an occasional licence.

2. Where alcohol is to be sold for consumption on the premises, the Act requires that a clear statement be made as to whether children or young persons are to be allowed entry and, if they are, a statement of the terms on which they are allowed entry.

3. Data Protection Act 2018

The information on this form may be held on an electronic register which may be available to members of the public on request.

4. Information on the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 is available on the website of OPSI (<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation/scotland/acts2005/20050016.htm>)

EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL

LICENSING STANDARDS

From: Licensing Standards Officer

To: C. Grilli
Clerk to the Licensing Board

Date: 8th September 2025

Subject: LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

OCCASIONAL LICENCE APPLICATION(S) OCC601-603/25

LA TRATTORIA, 119 HIGH STREET, TRANENT, EAST LoTHIAN, EH15 1RU

The applicant is Natascia Pacitti who is currently a personal licence holder. Application has been made for 3 occasional licences for La Trattoria as follows:

OCC601/25 – 11th September – 24th September, on sales and off sales

OCC602/25 – 25th September – 8th October, on sales and off sales

OCC603/25 – 9th October – 22nd October, on sales and off sales

Currently, a provisional premises licence is held for the above premises that was granted in April 2025. The licence holder is Paola Crolla, the applicant Natascia Pacitti is the business operator.

As per section 45 (3) of the Act - *A premises licence issued in respect of any such premises does not take effect unless and until it is confirmed by the Licensing Board which issued it in accordance with section 46.*

For the premises to operate and make sales of alcohol there requires to be a valid occasional licence. The Board has previously granted occasional licences since March 2025.

On 27th August 2025 the last occasional licence ended and no further occasional licences had been granted.

On 18th August application was received for 4 occasional licences, through Ms Pacitti's solicitor Mr Macdonald, however as the date of commencement of the first occasional licence on 28th August did not allow for statutory reporting timescales it was rejected. Mr Macdonald was informed of this by the Licensing Team and guided that no alcohol sales should take place over the unlicensed period until the other applications could be determined. He acknowledged this and detailed his client had been made aware.

On Monday 8th September, I called Natascia Pacitti on the phone to check that sales of alcohol had ceased. She responded that alcohol was still on sale and had not stopped. She had incorrectly assumed that she had an occasional licence. I informed her that all sales of alcohol that had been made from 28th August onwards had been unlicensed. She detailed that her solicitor had not told her that there was no licence and to stop selling alcohol. I explained, it was her responsibility to ensure that the premises was licensed, and that she had the occasional licence on the premises before making any sales of alcohol. She

seemed very unfamiliar with the licensing requirements, what an occasional licence was and the status of the provisional licence. I asked that all sales of alcohol cease immediately to which she agreed.

I later spoke with Mr Macdonald who confirmed he had informed his client that alcohol sales had ceased by email.

I explained to Ms Pacitti that the offence of the unlicensed sales of alcohol would be reported to police which I completed that day, and the information was passed to Sgt Stuart Miller.

Ms Pacitti's lack of knowledge is concerning, and I would recommend she refreshes her knowledge or considers completing the personal licence holder course again to help her understanding of the licensing requirements.

I submit this for the Board's information in determining the occasional licence applications.

Licensing Standards Officer

Herkes, Gillian

From: Licensing Standards Officer
Sent: 08 September 2025 16:50
To: Miller, Stuart; To: 'Lothian Scot Borders Licensing East Mid Lothian'
(LothianScotBordersLicensingEastMid@Scotland.police.uk)
Cc: Licensing; Grilli, Carlo
Subject: La Trattoria - High Street Tranent - Unlicensed Sale of Alcohol

Good morning Stuart,

Following a phone call with Natascia Pacitti this morning, I have established that there have been sales of alcohol from 28th August until today that have been unlicensed at La Trattoria, 119 High Street, Tranent. Occasional licence applications were made to start from 28th August onwards however the first application from 28th August – 10th September was rejected by the Licensing Board as there was insufficient time to process the application and allow for statutory reporting. Natascia Pacitti's solicitor was informed that this application would not be processed and that there would be a period where alcohol sales would need to cease. I have spoken to Mr Macdonald on the phone, and he confirmed that he passed this information on to his client by email. Natascia claims that she was unaware and wasn't told that she must stop alcohol. She confirmed that alcohol has been sold over the unlicensed period. I explained that it is her personal responsibility to ensure that there is an occasional licence in place and that she must have the licence at the premises before allowing the sale of alcohol. She is currently in Italy on holiday.

The next occasional licence application is for 11th September and has not yet been granted. I will now be submitting a report to the board on the outstanding occasional licences starting from 11th September and so they will be required to be heard for determination Board most likely 28th September. Therefore, the premises will remain unlicensed until then. I have asked that all sales of alcohol cease. The premises was highlighted at the weekly ELTACG meeting on 27th August to PI King as being unlicensed from 28th August, however I am unaware if any checks were carried out.

Please take this email as a report of a Section 1 Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 offence.

Regards,

Karen

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Communities & Partnerships

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I am working in an agile way – the best way to contact me is by email

Aitken, Christine (Licensing)

From: Stephen Gibson <Stephen.Gibson@scotland.police.uk>
Sent: 19 August 2025 11:07
To: Licensing
Subject: OCC603/25 - OCC LIC APP - LA TRATTORIA - 9-22/10/25
Attachments: OCC603.25 09.10 22.10.PDF

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No police objections

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Regards

Stephen