

## IMPORTANT CHANGES AFFECTING EVENTS PREVIOUSLY LICENSED BY OCCASIONAL LICENCES

From 1 November 2016, anyone applying for an occasional licence to sell alcohol under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 for an event they are holding may also need to obtain a public entertainment licence under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 for the same event.

Previously, premises covered by a premises licence or an occasional licence for the sale of alcohol under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 were exempt from the requirement to hold a public entertainment licence. However, as a result of an amendment to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, any premises covered by only an occasional licence will need to apply for a separate public entertainment licence if the event they are holding involves any of Scottish Borders Council's resolved activities.

An application pack and guidance notes for a public entertainment licence including a list of the resolved activities can be found at

<https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/directory/16/licensing/category/100>

Free events held by non commercial or community groups are exempt from the requirement to apply for a public entertainment licence in the Scottish Borders.

A number of halls and community venues are licensed for public entertainment and the person responsible for taking premises bookings will be able to advise if that is the case. Alternatively, the licensing team will be able to confirm if a premises holds a public entertainment licence.

If you need any more information or have any questions about the new requirements, please contact the Licensing Unit by telephone 01835 826699/826662 or e-mail [liquorandlicensing@scotborders.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:liquorandlicensing@scotborders.gcsx.gov.uk)