

## Annex 1 - Licensing Services Fees 2026/27



### Notes:

- Licensing fees are set by Licensing and Appeals Committee under delegated powers. 2026/27 fees are presented to the Licensing and Appeals Committee on the 26 November 2025.
- All Taxi fees would need to go out on consultation for 4 weeks and advertised in local paper. If TMBC receives any objections, then a new Licensing and Appeals Committee will need to consider any objections made.
- Licensing Act 2003 fees are set by Central Government
- Gambling Act fees upper limits are set by Government – TMBC is at the top of the permitted fees we can charge.
- Animal licences are between one and three years depending on star rating granted on grant or renewal.

### Current fees and charges – Taxi Licensing

Driver Licences – 3 years	2025-26	2026-27	Sevenoaks	Maidstone	Tunbridge Wells
Hackney Carriage (New)	£250 Plus £49.50 DBS	£262 Plus £49.50 DBS	£271	£389*	
Private Hire (New)	£250 Plus £49.50 DBS	£262 Plus £49.50 DBS	£271	£298	
Dual	£280 Plus £49.50 DBS	£293 Plus £49.50 DBS	£271	£389*	£268
Hackney Carriage (Renewal)	£250 Plus £49.50 DBS	£262 Plus £49.50 DBS	£188	£380*	

<b>Driver Licences – 3 years</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>Sevenoaks</b>	<b>Maidstone</b>	<b>Tunbridge Wells</b>
Private Hire (Renewal)	£250 Plus £49.50 DBS	£262 Plus £49.50 DBS	£188	£293	
Dual (Renewal)	£280 Plus £49.50 DBS	£293 Plus £49.50 DBS	£188	£380*	£261

\* includes £27 to unmet demand survey plus £9 for maintenance of TV monitor

<b>Vehicle Licences – one year</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>Sevenoaks</b>	<b>Maidstone</b>	<b>Tunbridge Wells</b>
Hackney Carriage (New)	£303*	£316*	£333	£347***	£345 (includes £30 to unmet demand survey)
Private Hire (New)	£293**	£305**	£304	£320	£304
Hackney Carriage (Renewal)	£281**	£293**	£333	£347***	£321 (includes £30 to unmet demand survey)
Private Hire (Renewal)	£281**	£293**	£304	£320	£281

\* Includes cost of plates and door insignia in case of Hackney Carriage – (does not include plate holders)

\*\* Includes cost of external and internal Plates - (does not include plate holders)

\*\*\* Includes £24.50 to unmet demand survey plus £8.50 for maintenance of TV monitor

	2025-26	2026-27	Sevenoaks	Maidstone	Tunbridge Wells
Plate Exempt Fee	£49	£51	£57		
Transfer from Hackney to Private Hire	£24	£25	£78	£74	£77
Transfer from Private Hire to Hackney	£24 + door stickers if needed	£25 + door stickers if needed	£99	£74	£77

Operator Licence	2025-26	2026-27	Sevenoaks	Maidstone	Tunbridge Wells
5 Year Licence – per vehicle	£95	£99	5 years - £766 (N)	5 years - £608 (N)	5 years - £681 (N)
During first year	£95	£99	5 years - £601 (R)	5 years - £510 (R)	5 years - £669 (R)
During second year	£75	£79	3 years - £547 (N)	3 years - £425 (N)	3 years - £453 (N)
During third year	£56	£59	3 years - £383 (R)	3 years - £345 (R)	3 years - £447 (R)
During fourth year	£38	£40	1 year - £332 (N)	1 year - £245 (N)	1 year - £251 (N)
During fifth year	£20	£21	1 year - £168 (R)	1 year - £162 (R)	1 year - £233 (R)
			(N)= New (R) = Renewal	(N)= New (R) = Renewal	(N)= New (R) = Renewal
Add or remove a name from a vehicle or operator licence	Add a name - £47, vehicle as above	Add a name - £49, vehicle as above			

Insurance Plates	2025-26	2026-27	Sevenoaks	Maidstone	Tunbridge Wells
(Hackney Carriage Vehicle)– first month	£70*	£73*	Up to two months is (£95)		Up to two months is (£81)
(Hackney Carriage Vehicle)– each additional month	£48	£50			
(Private Hire Vehicle) – first month	£61**	£63**			
(Private Hire Vehicle) – each additional month	£48	£50			

\* Includes cost of external / internal Plates, Fare Chart and Insignia (does not include holders)

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Additional Costs	2025-26	2026-27	Sevenoaks	Maidstone	Tunbridge Wells
Driver Badge with plastic holder/lanyard & admin fee	£15.50	£16	£24	£12	£14
Driver Badge with admin fee only (no holder)	£14.50	£15		£14	
Plastic holder for Driver Badge & Lanyard only	£1.50	£2			
Change of driver type	Admin + difference + new badge	Admin + difference + new badge	£54		
Change of Ownership of licensed vehicle	£24	£25	£27	£27	£27

<b>Additional Costs</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>Sevenoaks</b>	<b>Maidstone</b>	<b>Tunbridge Wells</b>
Duplicate paper licence	£13.50	£14	£13	£14	£14
Change of name and address (driver badge not included)	£14	£15	£25		£25
Replace internal plate holder	£2.50	£3		£2	£2
Vehicle exemption certificate	£49	£51		£56	£58

<b>Knowledge Test</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>Sevenoaks</b>	<b>Maidstone</b>	<b>Tunbridge Wells</b>
Attempting knowledge test	£65	£68	£53	£40	£60
Attempting knowledge test again after first failure	£65	£68	£53	£40	£60

### Current fees and charges - Administration Fees

<b>Administration charges</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>Sevenoaks</b>	<b>Maidstone</b>	<b>Tunbridge Wells</b>
General	£47	£49	£30	£51	£31
Transfer of Vehicle	£24	£25	£27		£27
Change of name / address	£14	£15	£25	£13	£13
Change of name / address for a drivers badge	£14	£15		£25	£25
Copy of existing paper licence	£13.50	£14	£13	£14	£14

A judgment of the Supreme Court in a case involving Westminster City Council has provided further clarification of the type of costs which may be taken into account when setting fees, and when fees may be payable. Pending further guidance from the European Court of Justice, the judgment of the Supreme Court established that a licensing regime may operate on the basis that an applicant must pay:

- i. on making the application, the costs of the application process and,
- ii. on the application being successful, a further fee to cover the costs of the running and enforcement of the licensing regime.

The following fees and charges are therefore broken down into Part A (the cost of making the application) and Part B (the fee covering costs of running the licensing regime due when the application is successful).

## Current fees and charges - Scrap Metal Dealers

Scrap Metal Dealers	2025-26			2026-27		
	Part A Fee	Part B Fee	Total Fee	Part A Fee	Part B Fee	Total Fee
Scrap Metal – Mobile Collectors Licence (new and renewal)	£92	£265	£357	£96	£275	£371
Scrap Metal –Site Licence	£123	£355	£478	£128	£369	£497
Scrap Metal – Renewal of Site Licence	£111	£318	£429	£115	£331	£446

	2025-26	2026-27	Sevenoaks	Maidstone	Tunbridge Wells
Scrap Metal – Mobile Collectors Licence (new and renewal) (Total)	£357	£371		£353	£364
Scrap Metal –Site Licence (Total)	£478	£497	£590	£578	£593
Scrap Metal – Renewal of Site Licence (Total)	£429	£446	£498	£491	
Admin change to licence	£47	£49	£40	£38	£40

## Current fees and charges – Film classification

	2025-26	2026-27	Sevenoaks	Maidstone	Tunbridge Wells
Film classification	£80 per hour	£83 per hour		£80	£86 per hour

## Current fees and charges - Street Trading Consents

Street Trading consents	2025-26			2026-27		
	Part A Fee	Part B Fee	Total Fee	Part A Fee	Part B Fee	Total Fee
Fixed pitch – annual consent	£112	£321	£433	£122	£330	£452
Fixed pitch – monthly consent	£72	0	£72	£75	0	£75
Fixed Pitch 1 – 7 days	£21	0	£21	£22	0	£22

	2025-26	2026-27	Sevenoaks	Maidstone	Tunbridge Wells
Initial application				Consultation application fee (applies to full year applications only) £172	£81
Annual Pitch fee (total)	£433	£452		Up to 12 trading days £37 Full years consent £292	£33



## Current fees and charges - Sex Establishments

Sex Establishment	2025-26			2026-27		
	Part A Fee	Part B Fee	Total Fee	Part A Fee	Part B Fee	Total Fee
Sex Establishments: sex shop or sex cinema	£1000	£1000	£2000	£1040	£1040	£2080

	2025-26	2026-27	Sevenoaks	Maidstone	Tunbridge Wells
Sex Establishments: sex shop or sex cinema (Total)	£2000	£2080		£5338	£2826

## Current fees and charges – Boating licences

	2025-26	2026-27	Sevenoaks	Maidstone	Tunbridge Wells
Pleasure boats	£190	£198		£159	
Boatman	£37	£38		£19	
Row boats	£37	£38		£32	

## Current fees and charges – pre-application advice

			2026-27	Sevenoaks	Maidstone	Tunbridge Wells
Small application - up to one hour of advice			£62		Up to 1 hour £80	Up to 1 hour £80
Medium application - up to two hours advice			£135		Site visit 1 hour – £100	Site visit 1 hour – £107
Large application - up to four hours advice			£260		Minor variations – £38	Minor variations – £38
Events up to 1000 capacity includes the cost of specialist officers and site visits.			£374		Assisting and completing applications and advice for Transfer/Variation of DPS / Personal Licence – £40  TEN - £15	
Events between 1001 and up to 1999 capacity includes the cost of specialist officers and site visits.			£520			
Events between 2000 and up to 4999 capacity includes the cost of specialist officers and site visits.			£728			
Events 5000 people or more includes the cost of specialist officers and site visits.			£1,040			

## Current fees and charges – Hypnotism License and Cosmetic procedures

Hypnotism licence	2025-26	2026-27	Sevenoaks	Maidstone	Tunbridge Wells
Hypnotism licence	£36	£37			

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>Acupuncture, electrolysis and ear piercing (premises and 1 practitioner)</b>	£180	£187
<b>Cosmetic piercing, tattooing, semi-permanent make up (premises and 1 practitioner)</b>	£206	£214
<b>Additional treatments at same premises when applied for at the time of original application</b>	£57	£59
<b>Additional practitioners at same premises</b>	£57	£59

## Animal Welfare Licensing

### Animal Welfare Licensing Fees –

This new fee table spits out the fees into 9 Groups

Animal Welfare Licences	2025-26			2026-27		
	Part A	Part B	Total	Part A	Part B	Total
<b>GROUP 1</b> Provision of Boarding for Cats Provision of Boarding for Dogs in Kennels Home Boarders (1 to 5 boarded dogs) Dog Day Care (1 to 5 day care dogs) Plus veterinary fees based upon an hourly rate (including travel time) if necessary	£409	£221	£630	£425	£230	£655
<b>GROUP 2</b> Home Boarders (6 or more boarded dogs) Dog Day Care (6 or more day care dogs) Plus veterinary fees based upon an hourly rate (including travel time) if necessary	£460	£233	£693	£479	£242	£721
<b>GROUP 3</b> Dog breeders (1 to 5 breeding bitches) Plus veterinary fees based upon an hourly rate (including travel time) if necessary	£470	£232	£702	£489	£241	£730

Animal Welfare Licences	2025-26			2026-27		
<p>GROUP 4</p> <p>Dog breeders (6 or more breeding bitches)</p> <p>Plus veterinary fees based upon an hourly rate (including travel time) if necessary</p>	£490	£246	£736	£509	£256	£765
<p>GROUP 5</p> <p>Hiring Out Horses</p> <p>Plus initial &amp; 12 monthly veterinary fees based upon an hourly rate (including travel time)</p>	£440	£245	£685	£457	£255	£712
<p>GROUP 6</p> <p>Selling Animals as Pets (Domestic or Small Shop unit)</p> <p>Plus veterinary fees based upon an hourly rate (including travel time) if necessary</p>	£397	£175	£572	£413	£182	£595
<p>GROUP 7</p> <p>Selling Animals as Pets (Retail Estate unit)</p> <p>Plus veterinary fees based upon an hourly rate (including travel time) if necessary</p>	£429	£217	£646	£446	£226	£672
<p>GROUP 8</p> <p>Keeping or Training Animals for Exhibition</p> <p>All licences last for 3 years</p> <p>Plus veterinary fees based upon an hourly rate (including travel time) if necessary</p>	£388	£173	£561	£403	£180	£583

Animal Welfare Licences	2025-26			2026-27		
GROUP 9 Franchises						
Franchise/arranger licence with boarding themselves	£650					£676
Franchise/arranger fee without boarding themselves	£550					£572
Plus veterinary fees based upon an hourly rate (including travel time) if necessary						
Each Host	£85					£88

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Animal Welfare Licences	2025-26	2026-27	Sevenoaks	Maidstone	Tunbridge Wells
GROUP 1 (Total)	£630	£655	£651		
Provision of Boarding for Cats					
Provision of Boarding for Dogs in Kennels					
Home Boarders (1 to 5 boarded dogs)					
Dog Day Care (1 to 5 day care dogs)					
Plus veterinary fees based upon an hourly rate (including travel time) if necessary					

<b>Animal Welfare Licences</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>Sevenoaks</b>	<b>Maidstone</b>	<b>Tunbridge Wells</b>
GROUP 2 (Total) Home Boarders (6 or more boarded dogs) Dog Day Care (6 or more day care dogs) Plus veterinary fees based upon an hourly rate (including travel time) if necessary	£693	£721	£597		
GROUP 3 (Total) Dog breeders (1 to 5 breeding bitches) Plus veterinary fees based upon an hourly rate (including travel time) if necessary	£702	£730	£621	£750	
GROUP 4 (Total) Dog breeders (6 or more breeding bitches) Plus veterinary fees based upon an hourly rate (including travel time) if necessary	£736	£765		£785	
GROUP 5 (Total) Hiring Out Horses Plus initial & 12 monthly veterinary fees based upon an hourly rate (including travel time)	£685	£712	£657-£760	£845	

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<p>GROUP 6 (Total)</p> <p>Selling Animals as Pets (Domestic or Small Shop unit)</p> <p>Plus veterinary fees based upon an hourly rate (including travel time) if necessary</p>	£572	£595	£651	£785	
<p>GROUP 7 (Total)</p> <p>Selling Animals as Pets (Retail Estate unit)</p> <p>Plus veterinary fees based upon an hourly rate (including travel time) if necessary</p>	£646	£672			
<p>GROUP 8 (Total)</p> <p>Keeping or Training Animals for Exhibition</p> <p>All licences last for 3 years</p> <p>Plus veterinary fees based upon an hourly rate (including travel time) if necessary</p>	£561	£583	£597	£655	£856



Animal Welfare Licences	2025-26	2026-27	Sevenoaks	Maidstone	Tunbridge Wells
<b>GROUP 9 Franchises (Total)</b>					
Franchise/arranger licence with boarding themselves	£650	£676			
Franchise/arranger fee without boarding themselves	£550	£572			
Plus veterinary fees based upon an hourly rate (including travel time) if necessary					
Each Host	£85	£88			£76

<b>Animal Welfare Misc</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>Sevenoaks</b>	<b>Maidstone</b>	<b>Tunbridge Wells</b>
Variation	£40	£42			£42
Pre- application advice per hour	£60	£62			£42
Dangerous Wild Animals (New application)		£550	£720	£210	£767
Dangerous Wild Animals (Renewal with no changes)		£450			
Primate licence (new legislation coming into force) new and renewal		£350			
Zoos *number of animal types	£820	£853		2-10* £720 10+* £1220	£1754

## Gambling Act 2005 Fees

<i>Classes of premises licence</i>	<i>Maximum conversion application fee for non-fast track application</i>	<i>Maximum non-conversion application fee in respect of provisional statement premises</i>	<i>Maximum non-conversion application fee in respect of other premises</i>	<i>Maximum annual fee</i>	<i>Maximum fee for application to vary licence</i>	<i>Maximum fee for application to transfer a licence</i>	<i>Maximum fee for application for reinstatement of a licence</i>	<i>Maximum fee for application for provisional statement</i>
Regional casino premises licence		£8,000	£15,000	£15,000	£7,500	£6,500	£6,500	£15,000
Large casino premises licence		£5,000	£10,000	£10,000	£5,000	£2,150	£2,150	£10,000
Small casino premises licence		£3,000	£8,000	£5,000	£4,000	£1,800	£1,800	£8,000
Converted casino premises licence	£2,000			£3,000	£2,000	£1,350	£1,350	
Bingo premises licence	£1,750	£1,200	£3,500	£1,000	£1,750	£1,200	£1,200	£3,500

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Adult gaming centre premises licence	£1,000	£1,200	£2,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,200	£1,200	£2,000
Betting premises (track) licence	£1,250	£950	£2,500	£1,000	£1,250	£950	£950	£2,500
Family entertainment centre premises licence	£1,000	£950	£2,000	£750	£1,000	£950	£950	£2,000
Betting premises (other) licence	£1,500	£1,200	£3,000	£600	£1,500	£1,200	£1,200	£3,000

Note: Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council are already charging the maximum per licence as allowed under the Gambling Act 20