



Understanding our work and our fees

Applications for **new premises licences** involve the proper notice being given both at the premises and by advertisement. There is also a fee to pay to the local authority on application. The work involved will vary from premises to premises and will depend on variable factors, eg. objections (representations) received; existence of a cumulative impact policy; history of the premises; history of the applicant; if a hearing is required; capacity of the premises; application in late night economy area; and so on.

This work is usually charged at an hourly rate of £275 plus VAT at 20%, but fixed fees may be available in appropriate cases.

With that in mind, the likely legal fees payable can vary greatly.

- Solicitors fee - £1,500 to £10,000 plus VAT at 20%
- Advertising costs approximately £300 plus VAT at 20%
- Application fee £100 - £2,000 (additional fees are payable for a premises with a capacity of > 5000)
- Experts fee (if required): If an expert is required to provide a report then a possible range would be between £1000 to £5000 plus VAT at 20%, but so much will depend on the field of expertise and the level of knowledge required.

Variation of a premises licence

As before, the price payable for this type of application will depend on the type of application to be made. For example, you may wish to vary a licence by adding a new premises licence holder, or a new designated premises supervisor, or a new type of licensable activity, or by varying the hours for an existing licensable activity.

Once again, fees will depend on the nature of the application and the degree of opposition to the proposed variation. All we can really do here is give an idea of the probable range of solicitors fees from, for example, a simple unopposed application to vary hours at a probable cost of £500 plus VAT at 20%, to a fully opposed variation with a hearing for a major late night premises which could cost as much as an application for a new premises licence (see above). In addition there will be the cost of advertising and the administration fee payable to the council (see above).

Please remember that all details of our fees and disbursements will be given to you, as well as our terms and conditions, prior to the commencement of any work on your behalf. Gotelee is very proud of the Price Promise on fixed fee work which means no surprises.