

Window Cleaner's Licence

Why do I need a window cleaner's licence?

You need a licence if you intend to work as a window cleaner or run a window cleaning business within the Renfrewshire Council area.

Applications

The form requires to be completed online via MyAccount at <https://myaccount.renfrewshire.gov.uk>.

For renewal applications, applicants are solely responsible for ensuring their renewal application form is lodged timeously, ideally around 6 weeks prior to the expiry date of the current licence. Failure to lodge the renewal before the expiry date of the current licence will result in the licence lapsing.

Checks on Entitlement to Work

- For all applicants, evidence must be produced of entitlement to work in the United Kingdom, whether applying for a new licence or to renew an existing one. British citizens require to provide their current passport with the application. If an applicant does not have a current passport, then other documents must be provided as an alternative form of evidence. Information on alternative forms of evidence can be found on the Government website detailed below.
- For an EU national, the applicant's passport must be provided with the application.
- If neither a British citizen nor an EU national, the applicant's passport and residence permit confirming an entitlement to work in the UK must be provided.
- Original documents require to be exhibited and will be copied and returned to applicants.
- The application may also be passed to the UK Border Agency in relation to any issues arising on the applicant's entitlement to work in the United Kingdom.

Please see www.gov.uk for a full list of alternative documents that prove an individual's right to work in the UK.

Checks on Previous Convictions

For applicants seeking a new licence, and who were born or have been resident outside the UK for 6 months or more, there must be produced with the application form documentation in relation to criminal record checks.

Applicants need to provide:

- If the applicant was born outwith the United Kingdom, a criminal record check must be provided from his or her country of origin. Applicants must also provide a criminal record check from any other country in which they have been resident for six months or more.

- If the applicant was born in the United Kingdom, but has lived in any other country or countries for six months or more, they must provide a criminal record check from those countries.
- In all cases, the criminal record checks provided must have been obtained within the six months prior to submitting the application and must be verified by the relevant UK based Embassy/High Commission where obtained from authorities outwith the United Kingdom.

We will not accept your application unless you can exhibit each of the above listed documents as appropriate. The documentation will be verified by a Customer Service Advisor.

Application Fees

Payment is due at the time of lodging. For application fees, please refer to the Civic Licensing Application Fees on our website at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk

No refund of application fees will be made for applications which are subsequently refused or withdrawn.

Prior Refusal

If you have applied for and been refused an application for a window cleaner licence by Renfrewshire Council then, unless there has been a material change in circumstances, you can not apply for the same kind of licence within one year of the date of refusal.

Insurance

You must produce evidence and details of the insurance cover you have at the time you submit your application. This cover must disclose the identity of the insurance company and provide at least £1,000,000 third party liability cover.

Processing the Application

When your application is lodged and the appropriate fee has been paid, a copy of your application will be sent to Police Scotland. They will carry out their own investigations and report back to the licensing office.

The legislation allows for consideration of the application within three months and a decision within nine months.

If an objection or representation is received in relation to your application, you will be sent a copy of the letter. Your application and the letter of objection or representation will then be referred to the Regulatory Functions Board meeting. You will be called to a hearing before the Board and given the opportunity of addressing the Board.

Right of Appeal

If your application is refused, or granted conditionally, you are entitled to ask the Council within 21 days to give reasons for such refusal, or the imposition of such conditions, and thereafter (within 28 days of the Board's decision) entitled to appeal to the Sheriff against the decision on certain grounds.

If there is an objection to your application and the application is subsequently granted the objector can also ask the Council to give reasons for such grant and thereafter is (within 28 days of the Board's decision) entitled to appeal to the Sheriff also.

You may wish to seek independent legal advice in relation to any appeal.

Conditions of Licence

Renfrewshire Council may attach additional conditions to the licence as it sees fit, with each application being dealt with on its own merits.

You must comply with the conditions stated on your licence, which includes compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. You are advised to refer to guidance notes issued by the Health and Safety Executive entitled Prevention of Falls to Window Cleaners.

Duration of Licence

Applications for the grant of a window cleaner's licence are generally granted for a period of one year, whilst applications to renew an existing licence are normally granted for a two year period.

Any Further Questions

Should you have a query that is not covered in these guidance notes please feel free to contact the licensing section for further information.

Contact Details

Tel: 0300 300 0300

E-mail: licensing.cs@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Website: www.renfrewshire.gov.uk

Or write to:

Renfrewshire Council
Licensing Section
Renfrewshire House
Cotton Street
Paisley PA1 1TT

Window Cleaner Licence Conditions

1. The licence is valid only within Renfrewshire Council area.
2. The licence holder or his / her employer shall maintain policies of insurance in force as follows:
insert details of public liability cover
and shall exhibit the policies and the receipts for payment of the premium for renewals thereof to the authorised officer of the Council on request.
3. A window cleaner shall not lend or allow any other person to use his / her licence.