

RESOURCE 5



Standard operating hours

According to statutory guidance, policy statements should provide information on a licensing board's policy on licensing hours. Only off-sales hours are specified in law, with the permitted hours being between 10am to 10pm every day – although licensing boards can decide to limit off-sales hours if they consider it appropriate. It is left to each licensing board to determine the licensed hours for on-licensed premises. This resource outlines details of what boards indicate they regard as being standard operating hours for on-licensed premises in the most recent licensing policies.

Licensing Board	Standard opening	Early opening (where specified)	Standard closing	Change	Detail of changes
Aberdeen City	10am	N/A	Outwith City Centre: 12 midnight, 1am Fri-Sat. Within City Centre: 2am, 3am Fri-Sat.	Increase	Additional 1 hour allowed outwith city centre on Fri-Sat. The Board also removed the requirement for late night venues to offer significant entertainment, opening the door for pubs and bars which did not previously qualify for 3am closing to apply for it on Fridays and Saturdays.
Aberdeenshire North	9am	N/A	Nightclubs: Sun-Thur, 2.00am Fri-Sat, 3.00 am Other: 1.00am	Decrease	The Board removed 7am early morning opening and restricted this to 9am for on-sale premises.
Aberdeenshire Central	11am	9am under certain circumstances (e.g. tourism)	Nightclubs: Sun-Thur, 2.00am Fri-Sat, 3.00 am	Same	N/A

			Other: 1.00am		
Aberdeenshire South	11am	9am under certain circumstances (e.g. tourism).	Nightclubs: Sun-Thur, 2.00am Fri-Sat, 3.00am Other: 1.00am	Same	N/A
Angus	11am	N/A	Entertainment venues/Nightclubs: Sun-Thur, 12 midnight Fri-Sat, 2am Other: Sun-Thur, 12 midnight Fri-Sat, 1am	Same	N/A
Argyll and Bute			<i>Policy not found at time of review.</i>		
Clackmannanshire	11am	N/A	Entertainment venues: Sun-Thur, 1am Fri-Sat, 3am Other: Sun-Thur, 12 midnight Fri-Sat, 1am	Increase	Additional 1 hour allowed for entertainment venues on Fri-Sat (previously 2am).
Comhairle nan Eilean/Western Isles	11am, 1230 Sun	N/A	All: Sun-Wed, 11pm Thur, 1am	Same	N/A

			Fri, 1.45am Sat, 1am		
Dumfries and Galloway - Annandale and Eskdale	11am, 1230 Sun	N/A	All: Sun-Weds, 11pm Thur-Sat, 12midnight /1am with function room.	Same	N/A
Dumfries and Galloway - Nithsdale	11am	N/A	All: 1am, 2am with entertainment.	Same	N/A
Dumfries and Galloway - Stewartry	1030am	N/A	All: 12 midnight, 1am for functions.	Same	N/A
Dumfries and Galloway - Wigtown	11am		Premises with entertainment: Sun-Weds 12.30am, 1am Thur-Sat, 1am Other: Sun-Weds. 11.30pm Thur-Sat, 12 midnight	Same	N/A
Dundee City	11am	N/A	Public house/bar: Fri-Sat, 1am Substantial entertainment: Fri-Sat, 2am	Same	N/A

			<p>Nightclubs. Fri-sat, 3am</p> <p>All other premises/days: 12am</p>		
East Ayrshire	11am	10am	<p>Entertainment venues: Sun-Weds, 2am Thur-Sat, 2.30am</p> <p>Other: Sun-Weds, 12 midnight Thur-Sat, 1am</p>	Same	N/A
East Dunbartonshire	11am, 12pm Sun	N/A	<p>Nightclubs: Mon-Sun, 2.30 am</p> <p>Entertainment: Mon-Tues, 1.00 am Wed-Sun, 2.00 am</p> <p>Others: Sun-Thur, 12 midnight Fri-Sat, 1am</p>	Increase	The Board amended its policy on the licensed hours to allow an extra 1 hr and 15 min for a Saturday night (previously this was 11.45pm as opposed to 1am).
East Lothian	11am	N/A	<p>All: Mon-Wed, 11.00pm Thur-Sat, 1am Sun, 12 midnight</p>	Same	N/A
East Renfrewshire			<i>Policy not found at time of review.</i>		

Edinburgh	9am, 11am Sun	N/A	licensed premises: 1am licensed premises offering restaurant facilities / entertainment: 3am	Same	N/A
Falkirk	10am	N/A	Nightclubs: Sun-Thur, 2am Fri-Sat, 3am Other: Sun-Thur, 12 midnight Fri-Sat, 1am	Same	N/A
Fife	10am	N/A	Nightclubs or restaurants 2.00am (3.00am or 4.00am possible for some) Other: Sun-Thur, 12 midnight Fri-Sat, 1am	Same	N/A
Glasgow	11am	N/A	late opening entertainment premises: 3am within the city centre (4am if part of pilot) 2am outwith the city centre Restaurants: 1am	Increase	A pilot scheme was introduced by the Board which allowed a 4am terminal licensed hour for some nightclub premises within the City Centre.

			Other: 12 midnight (1am if function suite)		
Highland	11am	9am for food led premises, distilleries and alcohol producers. 10am for specialist off-sales providers.	Late opening premises: Thur-Sat, 3am Other: 1am	Increase	The Board introduced 10am opening for specialist off-sales providers.
Inverclyde	11am Mon-Sat, 12.15pm Sun (11.00am if for table meal)	N/A	Entertainment: Mon-Tues, 1am Wed-Thur, 2am Fri-Sat, 3.30am Sun, 1.30am Other: Sun-Wed, 12 midnight Thur, 1am Fri-Sat, 1.30am	Same	N/A
Midlothian	11am	N/A	All Sun-Wed, 12 midnight Thur-Sat, 1am	Decrease	The Board previously had a policy whereby the standard closing time was 1am on all nights.

Moray	11am	9am	Late opening premises: 3am Other: 1am	Same	N/A
North Ayrshire	11am	10am	Pubs/Hotels: Sun-wed, 12 midnight Thur-Sat, 1am Entertainment: Sun-Wed, 1am Thur-Sat, 2.30am Hotels/restaurants: 1am	Same	N/A
North Lanarkshire	11am	N/A	Entertainment: 3am Other: Sun-Thur, 12 midnight Fri-Sat, 1am	Same	N/A
Orkney	10am	9am for food led premises	Nightclubs. Fri-Sat, 2am Other: Sun-Thur, 12 midnight Fri-Sat, 1am	Same	N/A

Perth and Kinross	11am	N/A	<p>Restaurant: 1am</p> <p>Entertainment/nightclub: Sun-Wed, 2am Thur-Sat , 3am</p> <p>Other: Sun-Wed, 12 midnight Thur-Sat, 12.30am</p>	Increase	The Board allowed an extra hour for pub type premises Mon-Wed (used to be 11pm), made changes to permitted function hours (with both increases and decreases across the different days), and also made increases to nightclub hours (previously permitted hours were: 11pm Mon-Tues, and 1.30am Wed, 2.30 Thur, 3am Fri-Sat, 1.30am Sun).
Renfrewshire	11am	930am for funerals	<p>Entertainment: Sun-Thur, 1am Fri-Sat, 2am (3am if members of Paisley Town Centre Radio Link)</p> <p>Other: Sun-Thur, 12 midnight Fri-Sat, 1am</p>	Same	N/A
Scottish Borders	11am	N/A	<p>All Sun-Wed, 12 midnight Thu-Sat, 1am</p>	Same	N/A
Shetland	11am	N/A	<p>Nightclubs Fri-Sat, 3am</p> <p>Other: 1am</p>	Same	N/A

South Ayrshire	10am	N/A	States only that the Board will not normally permit a terminal hour of later than 02:30	Same	N/A
South Lanarkshire - Licensing Division No 1 - Clydesdale	11am	N/A	All: 1am	Same	N/A
South Lanarkshire - Licensing Division No 2 - East Kilbride	11am	N/A	Entertainment/functions: Sun-Thur, 12 midnight Fri-Sat, 1am Nightclubs: Sun-Thur, 2am Fri-Sat, 3am Other: 12 midnight - Town Centre Fri-Sat, 1am - Outside the Town Centre	Same	N/A
South Lanarkshire - Licensing Division No 3 - Hamilton	11am	N/A	Entertainment/functions: 1am Nightclubs: 3am Other: Sun-Thur, 1145pm Fri-Sat, 1am	Increase	The Board discontinued the previous practice of granting an extension to 1am on either a Friday or Saturday, and permitted extensions on both nights. Accordingly, the Board agreed this for on-sales premises where the supply of alcohol is ancillary to a table meal and for premises offering no significant entertainment facilities.

South Lanarkshire - Licensing Division No 4 - Rutherglen and Cambuslang	11am (Sun: 11am internal areas, 1230pm external)		Entertainment/functions: 1am Other: Sun-Thur, 1145pm Fri-Sat, 12 midnight	Same	N/A
Stirling	11am	N/A	Entertainment: Sun-Thur, 2am Fri-Sat, 3am Other: Sun-Thur, 12 midnight Fri-Sat, 1am	Same	N/A
West Dunbartonshire	11am	10am	Restaurants: 1am Entertainment: Mon-Wed, 1am Thur-Sun, 3am Other: Sun-Thur, 12 midnight Fri-Sat, 1am	Decrease	The Board reduced hours for restaurants from 2am to 1am.
West Lothian	11am	N/A	Nightclubs: Sun-Weds, 1am Thur-Sat, 3am	Same	N/A

			Other: Sun-Weds, 12 midnight Thur-Sat, 1am		
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