

Chronology - transitional arrangements for premises licences

2006

1 September

- Transitional period began
- Operators whose existing permissions expire after 1 September 2006 have their permissions automatically extended until 31 August 2007 (the end of the transitional period). There is no need for application or fee.

2007

1 January

- Gambling Commission will start to accept applications for operating licences

21 May

- Licensing authorities will start to accept advance applications for premises licences

30 July – KEY DATE

- This is the deadline for applications for existing operators (or new operators outstanding applications under the existing legislation) wishing to receive continuation rights
- Applications received after this date will still be processed but will not receive continuation rights
- This is also the closing date for new operators to apply for permissions under the existing legislation in order to start operating before 1 September 2007 and/or potentially qualify for continuation and grandfather rights
- After 31 July only Gambling Act 2005 permissions will be granted, which means new operators would not be able to commence operating until 1 September 2007

31 August

- Transitional period ends

1 September

- Gambling Act 2005 comes into effect along with the new licences and permits granted under that Act
- Those operators with continuation rights may continue to operate, subject to the mandatory and default conditions
- Those who do not have continuation rights and have yet to receive their permissions under the new legislation must cease operation
- Existing legislation is repealed

30 September

- Last day for payments of first annual fees for existing operators