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If you wish to collect money or property for charity from houses, pubs or shops you need a licence from the council. Licences can be for the whole or parts of the borough.

- The council issued licence must kept on the person at all times during the collection. The collection cannot take place without Identity badges (from [The Stationery Office.](#))
- The collection should be into sealed collection tins
- Persons under the age of 16 years cannot act as a collector of money
- Collections should not take place after the hours of darkness. This is so as not to disturb elderly residents. Collectors should not remain in/at the door of any house if requested to leave by the occupant

Some large charitable organisations hold a [national exemption order. This means they do not need to apply](#) to each authority.

The licensing service keeps an up to date [list of house to house collection licences.](#)

Apply for a house to house collection licence

[Before applying please read the house to house collection policy.](#)

Apply online now

Or you can download and complete the [application form \[PDF 92KB\]](#) and submit by hand/post.

We do not charge for a house to house collection licence. There is a small charge for the identity badge issued by [The Stationery Office.](#) Applications should include a letter of authorisation from the benefiting charity.

Complete applications are usually processed within 10 working days.

After the collection a form detailing the amount raised needs sending to Licensing. We can accept this by [email to \[licensing@blackpool.gov.uk\]\(mailto:licensing@blackpool.gov.uk\)](#).

Tacit consent

Tacit consent applies. This means you can treat your application as granted unless we tell you different.

Failed application redress/licence holder redress

Please contact your local authority in the first instance. You have the right to appeal to the Minister for the Cabinet Office, your appeal must within 14 days of the refusal.

Complaints

Please direct Complaints to [Blackpool Council licensing service.](#)

Contact

Licensing service

Municipal buildings, Corporation Street, Blackpool, FY1 1NF

Telephone 01253 478397

Email licensing@blackpool.gov.uk

The licensing service is available to contact by telephone between 10:00am and 2:00pm Monday to Friday or visit in person by appointment only at the licensing desk at Blackpool Council's Customer First Centre on Corporation Street .

Additional information

[House to House Collections Act 1939](#)

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