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# Central area selective and additional licensing

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## Selective licensing

On 11 December 2018 the secretary of state approved the introduction of selective licensing in the central area.

This means that any property that is rented out within the private rented sector will require a licence.

The scheme begins on **26 March 2019**. Apply before 26 July 2019 to receive a discount of £100 off the licence fee.

Applications must be submitted by **26 September 2019** to avoid prosecution for failure to license.

### Before applying

Before you apply please check if your property [meets the Blackpool Standard](#).

When you apply you will be asked to provide details about the following:

- The proposed licence holder
- The proposed manager or managing agent
- The property

You will also be asked to make an initial payment to complete the process and submit your application.

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## Additional licensing

On 4 April 2016, following consultation, Blackpool Council designated the Central Area as an additional licensing scheme which came into effect on 4 July 2016. This requires all privately rented Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) located within the designated area to be licensed.

Additional licensing will operate alongside the existing [mandatory licensing](#) scheme already in operation throughout Blackpool. The designation will last 5 years and can be revoked earlier if the council sees fit.

### The designated area

The central area includes the town centre, Talbot / Brunswick, Raikes, Revoe, and St Heliers areas – see the [map of the proposed designated area](#) and the [list of street names](#).

This proposal follows the successful introduction of similar schemes in the neighbouring areas of South Beach and Claremont.

It seeks to help address high levels of anti-social behaviour associated with poor quality private rented accommodation.

The private rented sector is a vital part of the housing market in Blackpool and many landlords try to provide decent well-managed accommodation.

We want to support landlords to overcome the current problems in the central area and help to improve the area in which local people live and work. Further details of the scheme can be found here [Central area additional licensing proposal \[PDF 1.34MB\]](#). The consultation summary along with Blackpool Council's response can be found here [Consultation summary and Blackpool Council response \[PDF 997KB\]](#)

## Applying for an additional licence

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Should you have any further questions then please contact us by:

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