



Licence

# Caravan site licence (Northern Ireland)

**!** You can't apply for this licence online. [Contact your local council](#)

**Brexit**

[Check what you need to do](#)

## Overview

Contact your local district council for a licence if you live in Northern Ireland and want to use your land as a caravan site.

You don't need a licence to run a caravan site if:

- you have a caravan that you don't live in on land around your home
- a person brings a caravan onto the site, stays no more than 2 nights and there aren't any other caravans on the site
- 3 or less caravans are on the site for no more than 28 days a year
- forestry workers, builders, travelling showmen or seasonal workers (like fruit pickers) stay in caravans on the site
- the site is owned, occupied, supervised or approved by an organisation like a caravan club that has a caravan licence exemption certificate

## Restrictions

You must have planning permission for the caravan site before you apply for a licence.

The district council may put conditions on the licence like:

- restricting the length of time caravans are allowed on the site
- restricting the total number of caravans
- saying what type of caravans are allowed
- saying where caravans and any buildings should be
- providing and maintaining toilet and washing facilities
- providing and maintaining equipment to use in case of a fire
- making changes to landscaping on the site (eg planting bushes or trees to protect privacy around the site)
- doing works on the land (eg improving road access)

If you disagree with the conditions, you may be able to appeal to a local magistrates court.

You can't apply if you've had a caravan licence withdrawn in the last 3 years.

## Changes

The district council can change these conditions at any time. If the council asks you to return the licence to do this, you must send it back it within 7 days.

## Inspections

You must allow a district council inspector onto your site so that they can see:

- what conditions your licence should have and what work should be done on the site
- whether you are keeping to all the conditions on your licence

You'll get 24 hours notice of an inspector's visit.

## How to apply

Contact your local district council to apply for a licence. Tell them which land you are going to use for the site.

Send in any other information the council needs (eg a site plan, where the caravans are going to be put and any washing facilities) along with your application.

You may be charged a fee for a licence.

Your licence will last as long as you've planning permission for the caravan site.

## Displaying your licence

You must display the licence clearly on your caravan site .

## Fines and penalties

You may be fined up to £2,500 if you:

- don't get a licence
- break any licence conditions

## Explore the topic

[Business and industry](#)

Is this page useful?

## Coronavirus (COVID-19)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support](#)

## Brexit

[Check what you need to do](#)

## Services and information

- [Benefits](#)
- [Education and learning](#)
- [Births, deaths, marriages and care](#)
- [Employing people](#)
- [Business and self-employed](#)
- [Environment and countryside](#)
- [Childcare and parenting](#)
- [Housing and local services](#)
- [Citizenship and living in the UK](#)
- [Money and tax](#)
- [Crime, justice and the law](#)
- [Passports, travel and living abroad](#)
- [Disabled people](#)
- [Visas and immigration](#)
- [Driving and transport](#)
- [Working, jobs and pensions](#)

## Departments and policy

- [How government works](#)
- [Departments](#)
- [Worldwide](#)
- [Services](#)
- [Guidance and regulation](#)
- [News and communications](#)
- [Research and statistics](#)
- [Policy papers and consultations](#)
- [Transparency and freedom of information releases](#)

