

Markets and Street Trading: Commodities Rules

This document sets out what goods are permitted to be sold by licensed street traders in the London Borough of Lambeth. When a street trading licence is granted by the Council, only the goods listed on the current licence may be displayed, offered for sale, or sold.

It is recommended that applicants read through this document carefully before submitting a street trading licence application to the Council.

1. A trader can be licensed to display, offer for sale or sell up to two compatible or complementary commodities within a category as set out in the table at 14. below. The permitted commodities will be listed on the trader's licence¹. Only the licenced commodities must be displayed or offered for sale.
2. The following items are not permitted to be sold:
 - Any goods prohibited under the London Local Authorities Act 1990 (as amended); the Food Safety Act 1990; the Consumer Rights Act 2015, or any other legislation;
 - Fireworks, explosives, ammunition or firearms
 - Imitation firearms including where these are sold as toys
 - Live animals
 - Medical goods or medicine
 - Any goods claiming to 'cure' illness or medical conditions
 - Second hand electrical goods
 - Items promoting hate
 - Counterfeit or pirated goods, or goods which breach intellectual property
 - Tobacco or nicotine products or smoking paraphernalia
 - Alcohol or goods containing alcohol
 - Goods which may generate or promote unacceptable levels of noise, odours, other nuisances, safety concerns or criminal behaviour.
3. Banned commodities will be set out in the standard street trading licence conditions, and will not be permitted on the market at any time.
4. The licensed commodities must be specified, both on the trader's licence and on the Pitch Trading Plate. The Pitch Trading Plate must be displayed on the stall at all times as a condition of the licence. Any goods sold, displayed for sale or offered for sale must reflect the trading licence/pitch trading plate.

¹ Please note that existing traders may have previously been permitted to have up to three compatible or complementary commodities listed on their licence.

5. Commodities are traded under the four pitch rule (with the exception of visiting specialist markets). The four pitch rule requires that there is separation of a minimum of four clear pitches in either direction between traders selling the same commodities.
6. In a limited range of circumstances it may be unsuitable for different types of stalls to be close together – for example a hot food stand next to a clothing stall, and this will be taken into consideration when determining the allocation of pitches.
7. Existing permanent traders may retain their current commodities (agreed prior to the 2016 regulations), but should a request for commodity variation be made, they will need to comply with the Commodity Rules within this document.
8. These commodity regulations are applied during consideration of all new licence applications, requests for pitch transfers, requests for commodity variation, and also when allocating pitches for temporary daily (casual) street trading licences.
9. Commodities rules apply to permanent licence holders and temporary traders.
10. Seasonal event commodities (e.g. Christmas trees, Christmas decorations, Hallowe'en costumes etc) will not be one of the commodities on the regular licence, but can be added for a period of 6 weeks on grant of a temporary commodity variation, within the appropriate licence category. These licences will be decided on an individual basis by the Council's Market and Street Trading Manager. These licences will be time limited and temporary and awarded at the Market and Street Trading Manager's discretion.
11. Where an application is received for the grant of a street trading licence for a location in front of or adjacent to a shop where articles, things or services mentioned in the application are already sold or provided at the shop, the application will be refused, unless the application is made by the owner or the occupier of the premises comprising the shop.
12. Existing licence holders will be given priority in commodity allocation, even when this may exceed the balance.
13. An additional rule took effect from July 2008 that a maximum of two of the same commodity would be licensed per market street.

14. Permitted commodities

Traders may be licensed for **up to a maximum of two** commodities from **one** category in the following table.

Category		Commodity banding	
1	Clothing Note: Commodity combinations including groups that mix male and female; or adults' and children's clothing may be subject to restrictions A combination of 1A and 1B is not permitted.	A	Women's fashion including ethnic-specific clothing (excluding jeans)
		B	Men's fashion including ethnic-specific clothing (excluding jeans)
		C	Children's clothing for girls including ethnic-specific clothing
		D	Children's clothing for boys including ethnic-specific clothing
		E	Babywear including ethnic-specific clothing

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		F	Women's/girl's sportswear
		G	Men's/boy's sportswear
		H	Men's/boy's jeans
		I	Women's/girl's jeans
		J	Women's coats/jackets
		K	Men's coats/jackets
		L	Children's coats/jackets
		M	Adults' hats/gloves/scarves/ties/belts
		N	Children's hats/gloves/scarves/Ties/belts
		O	Other – this must be a <u>specific category</u> different from the above and must list the specific items
2	Underwear/Nightwear Note: Commodity combinations including groups that mix male & female or adults' and children's may be subject to restrictions A combination of 2A and 2B is not permitted.	A	Women's/girl's underwear (bras, knickers, lingerie and thermals)
		B	Men's/boy's underwear (vests, pants and thermals)
		C	Women's/girl's nightwear
		D	Men's nightwear
		E	Women's/girl's dressing gowns/bathrobes
		F	Men's dressing gowns/bathrobes
		G	Hosiery: socks/tights/stockings/knee highs etc.
		H	Other – this must be a specific category different from the above and list the specific items
3	Footwear Note: Commodity combinations including groups that mix male & female, or adults' and children's may be subject to restrictions. A combination of 3a & 3c is not permitted.	A	Women's shoes/sandals/mules/boots
		B	Women's slippers (indoor)
		C	Men's shoes/boots
		D	Men's slippers (indoor)
		E	Trainers/sports shoes (Female)
		F	Trainers/sports shoes (Male)
		G	Children's shoes
		H	Women's matching shoe/handbag sets
		I	Shoe repairs
		J	Accessories (in-soles/heel grips/shoe horns/protector/laces/polish etc.)

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		K	Other – this must be a specific category different from the above and list the specific items
4. Food Temporary trading (casual) licences are not permitted for commodities C, D, H and I.		A	Pre-packed groceries (including ethnic-specific)
		B	Raw/ Uncooked meat or fish
		C	Fruit (including ethnic-specific and organic)
		D	Vegetables (including ethnic-specific and organic)
		E	Dried fruit & pulses (peas, beans, seeds, nuts, raisins, dates etc.)
		F	Pre-packed confectionery
		G	Pre-packed cheese & dairy products & eggs
		H	Deli Food (unpacked cheese, olives, unpacked cold cooked/cured meat and fish, natural health foods, dips and salads)
		I	Prepared/Cooked Food (including ethnic-specific)
		J	Take-away food, health foods, organic foods, cold food, sandwiches, cakes, bread & bakery goods, ice cream, hot and cold non-alcoholic drinks)
		K	Beverages (cold, non-alcoholic, drinks, pre-packed in cans, cartons or bottles)
L	Other (must be specified and not cooked or prepared)		
5. Flowers		A	Cut flowers and plants
		B	Uncut flowers and plants
		C	Artificial flowers
		D	Plant pots/bulbs/seeds/food
		E	Seasonal: e.g. Christmas trees/ Holly/ Mistletoe/ Christmas decorations/ Hallowe'en decorations and costumes
		F	Other – this must be a specific category different from the above and list the specific items
6. Household goods		A	Cleaning products (kitchen/bathroom/multi surface, bleach, disinfectant, air-freshener, washing-up liquid, dishwasher tablets, polishes etc)
		B	Laundry products (washing powder/liquids/tablets, fabric softener, dryer sheets etc)
		C	Cleaning utensils (Brooms, dustpan, mops, buckets, scrubbing brushes, chamois, sponges, cloths, tea-towels etc)

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		D	Storage and access (crates, boxes, chests, steps etc), light bulbs, plugs, multi-sockets, fuses
		E	Ornaments, vases, pictures, clocks etc
		F	Toiletries (toothpaste, soap, deodorant, hair remover, body lotion, shower gels, bath oils etc)
		G	Hair care (shampoo, conditioner, hair-dye, hair spray, perm/straightening products, hair mousse/grease/lotion/oil etc)
		H	Other – this must be a specific category different from the above and must list the specific items
7.	Soft Furnishings	A	Bedding (sheets, duvet covers, pillow cases, throws, mattress/pillow protectors, etc.)
		B	Towels, bath mats and shower curtains
		C	Curtains and net curtains
		D	Blinds
		E	Duvets, pillows, cushions and cushion covers
		F	Carpets, mats and rugs
		G	Tablecloths, furniture protectors, chair covers etc.
		H	Other – this must be a specific category different from the above and must list the specific items
8.	Kitchen/Dining	A	Tableware (crockery, oven-to-table ware, cutlery, table-mats, coasters, etc.)
		B	Glassware (glasses, decanters, ashtrays, fruit bowls, etc.)
		C	Kitchenware (roasting dishes, pots, pans, casserole dishes, scales, etc.)
		D	Other (must be specified & not electrical)
9.	Toiletries & Cosmetics	A	Skin care (make-up remover, facial wash, toner, moisturiser, shaving cream, etc.)
		B	Hair care (shampoo, conditioner, hair dye, hair spray, perm/straightening products, hair mousse/grease/lotion/oil etc.), wigs, hair pieces etc.
		C	Make-up (including nail polish & remover)
		D	Perfume/cologne/aftershave/eau de toilette
		E	Other – this must be a specific category different from the above and list the specific items
10.	Electrical	A	Audio equipment and accessories (e.g. radios, stereo equipment, iPods/MP3 etc. including associated aerials, batteries, adaptors etc.)

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		B	Visual equipment and accessories (e.g. TVs, DVDs, Video Player/Recorders, including associated aerials, batteries, adaptors etc.)
		C	Computer hardware and accessories
		D	Household electrical equipment (not second hand)
		E	Landline telephones and accessories
		F	Electrical repairs
		G	Other – this must be a specific category different from the above and must list the specific items
11.	Mobile Phones	A	Mobile phones
		B	Mobile phone accessories
		C	Phone cards
		D	Mobile phone repairs
		E	Other – this must be a specific category different from the above and list the specific items
12.	Jewellery & Accessories	A	Costume jewellery (including ethnic jewellery)
		B	Jewellery (including gold, silver and other precious metals and gems)
		C	Hair accessories/ head scarves etc.
		D	Watches, watch accessories, watch repairs
		E	Sunglasses and reading glasses (including cases and neck bands)
		F	Clocks, clock accessories and repairs
		G	Other
13.	Travel Accessories	A	Luggage (including suitcases, travel bags, holdalls and vanity cases)
		B	Sports bags
		C	Handbags
		D	Wallets, purses, passport covers etc.
		E	Umbrellas, walking sticks
		F	Belts
		G	Other (must be specified)
14.	Stationery	A	Office Supplies (Paper, pens, files, etc.)
		B	Invitations, Greeting Cards, Wrapping Paper and Gift bags/boxes

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		C	Festive Decorations and party bags
		D	Newspapers, Periodicals and Magazines
		E	Books
		F	Other (must be specified)
15.	Toys	A	Toys (including early years, educational, and associated batteries)
		B	Board games
		C	Games (does not include games consoles or cartridges or board games)
		D	Other (must be specified)
16.	Souvenirs	A	Pop memorabilia (includes flags, banners, plaques, cups and other novelty items)
		B	London/UK Memorabilia (includes flags, banners, plaques, cups & other novelty items)
		C	Ethnic specific memorabilia (includes flags, banners, plaques, cups & other novelty items)
		D	Sports Memorabilia (includes flags, banners, plaques, cups and other novelty items)
		E	Other (must be specified)
17.	Audio-visual entertainment	A	Pre-recorded Audio Material (e.g. CDs) including ethnic specific)
		B	Pre-recorded visual material (DVDs & videos including ethnic specific)
		C	Children's pre-recorded visual material (DVDs & videos including ethnic specific)
		D	Games consoles (Play Station, X-Box, Nintendo DS, PSP, etc.); Games cartridges (For Play Station, X-Box, Nintendo DS, PSP, etc.)
		E	Musical Instruments (including acoustic and electric)
		F	Other (must be specified)
18.	Textiles	A	Fabric/lace
		B	Haberdashery (fastenings/ facing/ instant hem etc.)
		C	Yarn/ wool/ thread/ bobbins
		D	Knitting/ crochet/ sewing needles
		E	Other (must be specified)
19.	Tools DIY and Gardening	A	DIY (E.g. Drill, saw, plane, screwdrivers, etc.)
		B	Gardening (E.g. Spade, fork, hoe, rake, hose, etc.)

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20.	Bicycles	A	Bicycles
		B	Scooters/Skate-boards
		C	Rollerskates
		D	Cycle & Car Accessories
		E	Other (must be specified)
21.	Furniture & Antiques	A	Antique furniture
		B	Antiques (other)
		C	Bedroom furniture
		D	Bathroom furniture
		E	Kitchen furniture
		F	Lounge furniture
		G	Other (must be specified)
22.	Baby Equipment	A	Cots
		B	Prams/Pushchairs
		C	Highchairs/Bouncers
		D	Car Seats/Boosters
		E	Changing Bags/Carry cots, Slings etc.
		F	Safety Equipment
		G	Nursery Furniture
		H	Other (must be specified)
23.	Photographic Equipment & Associated Services	A	Cameras
		B	Digital Cameras
		C	Camcorders
		D	Photo-printers (stand alone)
		E	Peripherals & accessories (e.g. lenses, tripods, light meters, flash lights, film, photo paper etc.)
		F	Other (must be specified)
24.	Sports Equipment (Excluding Clothing, Trainers and Bags)	A	Body building/fitness
		B	Football/Cricket/Rugby
		C	Netball/Hockey

Category		Commodity banding	
		D	Tennis/Badminton/Squash
		E	Track & Field
		F	Golf
		G	Other (must be specified)
25.	Pet Supplies and Equipment	A	Baskets/Cages/Hutches/Aquarium etc.
		B	Scratching poles/Pet Toys/Pet Accessories
		C	Grooming & Care (Feeding bowls, brushes, shampoo, vitamins, tick & flea treatments, etc.)
		D	Pet food
		E	Other (must be specified)
26.	Second Hand Goods (not electrical)	A	Clothing
		B	Audio (Vinyl, CDs, Cassette tapes, etc.)
		C	Visual (DVDs, Videos, etc.)
		D	Books
		E	Collectibles (coins, stamps, comics, porcelain dolls etc.)
		F	Bric-a-brac
		G	Other (must be specified)
27.	Arts & Crafts (original/handmade goods)	A	Art (paintings/sculpture/pottery etc.)
		B	Topiary
		C	Keepsakes
		D	Commemorative items
		E	Face painting
		F	Other (must be specified)
28.	Miscellaneous	A	Other not already listed in any category above (must be specified)

15. Any request for a commodity which is not listed above will be categorised under 'other' and will be clearly stipulated on the licence. If the council feel that the commodity you wish to trade in does not suit the market needs or is too vague in its description, it may not be considered.