



## **Application for a Scrap Metal Dealers Licence**

### **Information and guidance on completing your application for a scrap metal dealer's licence**

If you need more help in completing the application please call the Licensing Team on 01283 508692.

#### **Section 1 – For everyone**

This section asks if you are applying for a collector's licence or a site licence. You may only apply for one type of licence in each council area, but you can apply to run multiple sites. For instance, you could apply to run 3 sites in council A's area, and also apply to be a collector in council B's area.

A **site licence** lets you buy and sell scrap metal from a fixed location within the council area.

A **collector's licence** allows you to travel within the council area to collect scrap metal. You may not take this metal back to a site that you run within the council area in order to sell it.

#### **Section 1.1 – For everyone**

#### **TAX REGISTRATION CHECKS**

**From 4 April 2022** Licensing Authorities must carry out checks on applications from individuals, companies and any type of partnership to make sure they are aware of their tax responsibilities or have completed a tax check.

**Legislation in the Finance Bill 2020-21 will introduce new measures requiring a tax check for applications to renew licences for:**

Scrap metal dealers

Scrap metal – mobile collectors

## **Getting a new licence**

If you are applying for a licence for the first time, you will not need to complete the tax check. However, licensing bodies will ask you to read HMRC guidance on what you need to do to be properly registered for tax in the future and you'll need to confirm you have done this.

## **Renewing a licence**

From 4 April 2022, if you renew or apply for a subsequent licence under a different licensing body, you'll have to do a tax check. You'll be able to do this online through a digital service.

## **About the tax check**

You will be able to complete this tax check on GOV.UK, through your Government Gateway account. You will only need to answer a few questions to tell HMRC how you pay any tax that may be due on income you earn from your licensed trade. If you do not already have a Government Gateway account, you can sign up on GOV.UK.

The tax check should only take a few minutes. There'll be guidance on GOV.UK and anyone who needs extra support will be able to complete the tax check by phone through HMRC's customer helpline.

When you've completed the tax check, you'll get a code. You must give this code to your licensing body. The licensing body cannot proceed with your licence application or renewal until the tax check is completed and they've received the code.

Your licensing body will only receive confirmation from HMRC that you've completed the tax check, they will not have access to information about your tax affairs.

## **Section 2 – For everyone**

In order to carry on your business you may need to hold other environmental permits or licences that we should know about. For instance, if you carry waste as part of your business it is a legal requirement to register as a waste carrier. This includes transporting waste while travelling from job to job, to a storage place for disposal later, or to a waste disposal company or waste site. For more information on this, or to register call: 03708 506506 or visit: [www.gov.uk/waste-carrier-or-broker-registration](https://www.gov.uk/waste-carrier-or-broker-registration).

This section also asks for details of any other scrap metal licences you hold. Please make sure you include the licence number so that we can check this against the national register.

### **Section 3 – For site licences**

Fill out this section if you want a **site licence**. It should be filled out in the name of the person who will hold the scrap metal dealer's licence. As well as details about you and your business, we will also need details of any directors or partners involved in the business including their home address. We also need to know the address of the site or sites you want the licence for, as well as the details of each site manager responsible for that site. These details are required by law and also so that you can be contacted if there are any problems.

A plan of the premises (showing the extent/boundary) of the site should also be submitted with the application.

You and every person listed on the application form needs to submit a Basic Criminal Record Check. Information on how to obtain a Criminal Record Certificate can be obtained from <https://www.gov.uk/request-copy-criminal-record> or by telephone on 03000 200 190.

A **site manager** is the person who will be in charge of the site on a daily basis. You will probably need a different site manager for each site on the licence.

A **director** or **partner** is someone who has or shares legal responsibility for the operation of the company, including filing returns at Companies House.

We also want to know if you operate or propose to operate a site in another local authority area, along with details of this site, the council which has licensed it or to whom you have applied for a licence.

If your site(s) were established after 1990, then you are required to have planning permission from the council. You will need to tell us if this is the case, and it will be checked with the council planning department.

### **Section 4 – For a collector's licence**

Fill out this section if you want a **collector's licence**. It should be filled out in the name of the person who will hold the scrap metal dealer's licence. You are asked to provide contact details, including the place where you live, so that the council can get in touch with you if necessary.

You need to submit a Basic Criminal Record Check, issued within the last month. Information on how to obtain a Criminal Record Certificate can be obtained from <https://www.gov.uk/request-copy-criminal-record> or by telephone on 03000 200 190

We also ask for the place where you will store any collected scrap metal before taking it to a licensed site to dispose of it. Note that you are not allowed to sell or buy metal at this storage site and doing so is an offence. This may be a licensed site that you operate in another council area.

You will need to ensure that all your vehicles are roadworthy and are properly taxed, insured and otherwise meet the legal requirements to be on the road.

### **Section 5 – Motor salvage operator**

This section asks if you will be salvaging motor vehicles as part of your work. The Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 brings together the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964 together with Part 1 of the Vehicles (Crime) Act 2001, which means you now only need a scrap metal dealer's licence.

### **Section 6 – Bank accounts that will be used for payments to suppliers**

This section asks you for the bank details which you will use to pay people for the scrap metal you receive or sell. This is to check that you are not selling the metal for cash, which is illegal. These details will be kept securely by the council.

### **Section 7 – Payment**

The fees for the applications are as follows:

- A site licence £369
- A collector's licence £205

Applications cannot be accepted unless the correct fee has been paid.

### **Section 8 – Criminal convictions**

This section asks you to set out any relevant convictions or enforcement activity that has been undertaken against you by the Environment Agency or Natural Resources Wales. It is an offence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 to make or recklessly make a false statement. The information listed here will be checked against the Basic Disclosure Certificate from Disclosure Scotland that you are required to submit with the application, along with information retained by the police and the Environment Agency or Natural Resources Wales.

### **Section 9 – Declaration**

The person who will hold the scrap metal dealer's licence needs to sign and date the declaration, as do the other people named on the form. This section also explains that the council has to share some of these details with the police, Environment Agency, or Natural Resources Wales when checking whether the applicant(s) is a suitable person to hold a licence. Some of the information will also be displayed on a public register.