

SCOTTISH LICENSEE'S CERTIFICATE (OFF SALE)

Specimen Questions

The specimen examination questions contained in this publication are representative of the type of questions used to assess candidates taking the SCOTTISH LICENSEE'S CERTIFICATE (OFF SALE) examination.

Candidates are assessed by a 25 question, 30 minute, multiple choice examination. Part One of the examination consists of 4 questions on licensing law which is considered to be the minimum knowledge required to hold a licence for selling alcoholic liquor. Candidates have to answer all 4 questions correctly to pass. Part Two consists of 21 questions on other aspects of licensing law for which the pass mark is 15 out of 21.

The answers to each of these questions are shown on the last page.

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Part One

- 1 What are the trading hours on Sundays in off sale licensed premises?
 - A 10.00 am – 10.00 pm
 - B 11.00 am – 11.00 pm
 - C 12.30 pm – 10.00 pm
 - D 1.30 pm – 11.00 pm

- 2 It is an offence for licensees or their employees to sell alcoholic liquor to persons aged under:
 - A 14
 - B 16
 - C 18
 - D 20

- 3 When do police officers have a **legal** right of entry to off-sale licensed premises?
 - A If they have given notice and the licensee has granted his permission
 - B If they have reason to believe that an offence has been or is being committed
 - C Only when they have permission from the Sheriff
 - D Only during permitted hours and when accompanied by the Sheriff

Part Two

- 4 From the time of grant, how long does a new Off-Sale Licence normally last?
 - A 1 year
 - B 3 years
 - C 5 years
 - D 7 years

- 5 Under what circumstances can a provisional off sale licence be granted?
 - A When a licence is required for restricted hours
 - B When a licence is required for temporary premises
 - C Where the owners are unsure as to whether they wish to sell alcohol
 - D Where the premises is not yet built, or requires substantial alteration

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- 6 What is 'due diligence'?
- A A defence
 - B A licence
 - C A transfer
 - D A variation
- 7 Licensees should **not** serve alcoholic drinks to:
- A Brewery staff
 - B Known trouble makers
 - C Persons convicted of drug offences
 - D Those who are drunk
- 8 Under the Consumer Protection Act it is an offence to:
- A Make false statements about goods and services
 - B Not have the shelves fully stocked at all times
 - C Run a promotion without notifying Trading Standards
 - D Run out of 'special offer' goods before the promotion has finished
- 9 If cigarettes are sold in off sale licensed premises, it is a **legal** requirement to display a notice stating that it is illegal to sell cigarettes:
- A After 11.00 pm
 - B To persons aged under 16
 - C To persons aged under 18
 - D With alcoholic liquor
- 10 Approximately how long does it take to eliminate 1 unit of alcohol from the body?
- A 10 minutes
 - B 20 minutes
 - C 40 minutes
 - D 60 minutes

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Answers

Q	Answer	Assessment Criteria
1	C	2.1 Permitted trading hours (permitted hours) for off sale licensed premises
2	C	3.1 The law in relation to the sale of alcohol to young persons under the age of 18
3	B	4.1 Police and HM Revenue and Customs rights of entry to Off-Sale Licensed premises
4	B	1.4 Conditions and procedures for the grant of a new licence and who can object to the grant
5	D	1.6 Conditions and procedures for the grant of a provisional licence
6	A	3.3 Procedures to establish the exercise of 'all due diligence'
7	D	4.3 The licensee's legal duty to not to permit drunkenness and disorderly conduct
8	A	5.2 Trade Descriptions Act and the Consumer Protection Act
9	C	5.3 The law with regard to the sale of tobacco products and solvents and hire or sale of recorded materials
10	D	6.1 The nature of alcohol and how it affects and is eliminated from the human body

Please note that the assessment criteria numbering does **not** refer to the Scottish Licensee's Certificate (Off Sale) handbook. The learning outcomes and assessment criteria can be found in the centre manual, Section 1.