

Transfer of a Licence

- No person is allowed transfer an intoxicating liquor licence by deed or otherwise.
- A transfer is only permitted when authorised by the District Court.
- If premises, the subject of a licence, has been sold or leased, the new owner/purchaser may apply to the District Court for an Ad Interim Transfer. If granted, this allows him to temporarily trade until the next Annual Licensing District Court sitting where it may be confirmed.
- The purchaser must give the Gardaí and District Court 48 hours' notice of his intention to apply for an Ad Interim Transfer.
- If a company, the purchaser should provide details of the corporate documents: M&A and List of Directors to the Gardaí.
- The application should be made in the appropriate District Court.
- The purchaser should give evidence in court of their experience in the licensing business and provide evidence of the current licence together with a copy of the purchase deed.
- The purchaser will then need to go back to the next Annual Licensing District Court session for a Certificate of Transfer confirming the ad interim transfer. This effectively transfers the licence into the name of the purchaser.
- The purchaser/applicant may at this stage seek any previous endorsements on the licence (as a result of the previous licence-holder) to be removed.

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