

Minimum pricing of alcohol

Minimum pricing of alcohol begins on **01 May 2018**. This means that some alcohol products will increase in price.

This will be mandatory and will be incorporated in the mandatory conditions for premises licences which will be issued to all licence holders in due course. This condition will also be applicable to occasional licenses.

It is expected that the minimum unit price (MUP) will be at least 50p – the stronger the alcohol (higher units), the more expensive it will be. This means that licence holders have to sell alcohol at no less than 50p per unit. It can be sold at more than that, but not less.

Licence holders must price the alcohol they sell accordingly.

Examples of how prices may change are noted below.

This must be implemented from 01 May 2018 – failure to do so would be a breach of a licence holders mandatory conditions.

Example price changes

- 700ml bottle of spirits (28 UK units)
MUP = £14.00
- 750ml bottle of fortified wine (12.8 UK units)
MUP = £6.40
- 750ml bottle of table wine (9 UK units)
MUP = £4.50
- 275ml bottle of lager/beer/cider (1.4 UK units)
MUP = £0.70
- 330ml bottle of lager/beer/cider (1.7 UK units)
MUP = £0.85
- 330ml can of lager/beer/cider (1.7 UK units)
MUP = £0.85
- Multi-pack of 24 x 330ml cans of lager/beer/cider (1.7 UK units)
MUP = £20.40
- 175ml glass of wine (2.1 UK units)
MUP = £1.05
- 25ml glass of spirit (1 UK unit)
MUP = £0.50

Formula: No. of units multiplied by 0.50, eg 28 units x 0.50 = 14

For more information please visit www.minimumunitpricing.scot