



PERTH AND KINROSS LICENSING BOARD,

Pullar House, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth, PH1 5GD

SCHEDULE 6

Regulation 7

DISABLED ACCESS AND FACILITIES STATEMENT

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, section 20(2)(b)(ia)

Question 1

Disabled access and facilities

1(a)	Is there disabled access to the premises	YES / NO*
1(b)	Do you have facilities for those with a disability	YES / NO*
1(c)	Do you have any other provisions available to aid the use of the premises by disabled people	YES / NO*
*Delete as appropriate		

If you have answered Yes to any of the questions above please complete, as appropriate, the following sections.

Question 2

Disabled access to, from and within the premises

Please provide clear and detailed description of how accessible the premises are for disabled people. e.g. ramps, accessible floors, signage.

Arrival:

From the perimeter of our grounds there is a paved, wide path which runs down the near edge of the carpark, allowing easy access for wheelchair users visiting the premises.

There are 3 disabled parking spaces in the carpark, with additional width and highlighted in yellow markings, with signage. These are the spaces which are closest to the main entrance. All car parking on our Premises is free. The path from these spaces to the entrance is smooth and flat. Additionally, taxi or private car pick-up and drop-off is permitted at the front door of the premises for those with additional needs.

Question 2. Continued

Inside the Premises:

Shop

On arrival in the shop, the circulation areas are wide enough to comfortably maneuver wheelchairs and mobility scooters, both to peruse the gift shop and for through-access to other areas of the premises, including the toilets. The shop/reception desk has a higher and a lower section to allow easy interaction and serving of people who are wheelchair users.

Café

The café layout allows easy access for wheelchair users due to the wide arrival area and the wide walkways which are allowed between tables. Visitors with any additional needs or even preference may request certain tables and where possible are usually asked if they have a preference of where to sit. Most tables in the main café area are of sufficient height and width to accommodate a standard wheelchair, and additional chairs may be removed to another table or the side of the room if desired. The café has around 6 highchairs for use by babies and small children. There are soft cushions which were purchased for additional comfort and height for children using the café seats and these are sometimes also used by adults to increase their comfort. There is a fire escape door from the café room which is fitted with panic bar and emergency signage and lighting. This is a final fire exit door which leads straight to the outside courtyard area.

Function Room

The function room is similar to the café in that it has smooth, ground-level access through the shop. It also has a separate entrance from the side of the building. The approach to this is smooth and flat and the access from path to door is assisted by a smooth, gently-sloped, wide ramp. There are three fire escape doors from the function room, all fitted with panic bars, and one of which leads to outside via a gently-sloping ramp.

Museum Galleries and The Lift

All thirteen galleries which make up the museum are accessible to users of wheelchairs. On arrival guests who use a wheelchair or who appear as though they may benefit from using the lift are usually made aware of the location of the lift and offered assistance in finding and/or using it, if they wish.

Disabled visitors going into the Museum are permitted to have a carer accompany them, free of charge.

Refuge areas

On the first and second floors the lift lobbies are both fire refuge areas, which are protected by fire doors and are fitted with two-way voice speaker systems. On pressing, a specially designed telephone will ring loudly in the lobby beside the reception area in the shop.

Stair descent in the event of a fire or during lift failure

The museum galleries follow the route of two stairways. In the event of a fire or lift failure there is stair descent equipment for both types of stair case which may be encountered in the Premises. There is an EvacChair for straight stairs and there is a ResQmat for spiral staircases. We have staff who are trained in the use of these pieces of equipment, which are checked and serviced annually by the supplier.

Question 3

Facilities available

Please describe in detail the facilities provided for disabled people. e.g. disabled toilets, lifts, accessible tables.

Toilets

The toilets are accessed through a short corridor off the back, left of the shop. The Gentlemen's bathrooms are first, then the accessible bathroom which is fitted with safety handles for using the toilet, sufficient floor space to turn, a pull-cord for signaling that the user requires assistance (the sounder is located at the reception desk, where a member of staff will attend or call for a colleague to attend), it also has a pull-down baby changing station with safety strap, and there is a yoga mat for guests who sit or lie on the floor to change. After the accessible bathroom are the Ladies' bathrooms.

There is an accessible bathroom on the first floor which is in a staff area and is for use by staff and volunteers. This bathroom has safety handles and an emergency pull-cord.

There are two accessible bathrooms on the second floor which may be used by both staff and members of the public. One of these is fitted with safety handles and an emergency pull-cord.

The Lift

The lift connects the ground floor to the first and second floors of the Premises, although there are no galleries on the second floor.

The lift is fitted with an alarm which both alerts staff with an audible alarm if a guest calls for help, and telephones through to a 24-hour monitoring station.

The lift allows users access to all public and staff areas of the building from the ground to second floor of the Premises. Only the plant room in the basement, two offices on the second floor, and the attic on the third floor are not accessible by lift.

Question 4

Other provisions

Please provide details of any other provisions made to aid the use of the premises by disabled people. e.g. assistance dogs welcome, large print menus.

Lighting

The lighting in the shop, café and function room areas of the premises is good, with a large amount of natural light aided by many overhead lights and wall lights. In the museum galleries the lighting was designed specifically for the museum purpose, to light objects and labels appropriately. In the galleries there are "Large-print label books" which may be perused by all visitors who require or prefer a larger font size.

Question 4. Continued

Audio

The museum galleries are fitted with hearing loop systems in rooms which have audio and audio visual equipment. There is signage to indicate the setting which hearing aids should be set to. Our café and function rooms now also have hearing loop systems fitted. There are also a limited quantity of portable audio loops which may be borrowed by visitors to the museum or to events. These are worn around the neck and amplify sounds.

Handling items for Museum

The museum has a selection of items known as a handling kit which is used with groups of people of all ages who may or may not have additional needs, such as partial sight, or memory loss, to tell the stories of the museum through touch, interaction and reminiscence. This is usually arranged before a visit.

Assistance dogs

Assistance dogs are welcome in all areas of the grounds and inside all public areas of the Premises. There are water bowls for use by all dogs, which are cleaned and refilled regularly.

DECLARATION BY APPLICANT OR AGENT ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT

If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

The contents of this disabled access and facilities statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature ..  * (see note below)

Date .. 6th September 2018 ..

Capacity Financial controller ~~APPLICANT/AGENT~~

Telephone number and email address of signatory

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