



GENERAL INFORMATION

NON-RESIDENT TRADERS ACT 1983

- The Act which was brought into force on the 1st April 1984 requires all Non-Resident Traders to be licensed by the Isle of Man Office of Fair Trading.
- Under the Non-Resident Traders (Licence Fees) Regulations 2015, the fee payable for a licence is £2,310 for the first three days trading, and £350 for each succeeding consecutive day; **OR**

£470 for the period for which the licence is valid in a case where the Office is satisfied that the non-resident trader is providing goods directly connected with an event certified by the Department of Economic Development to be an event calculated to assist the tourist industry.
- The Office will refuse to issue a licence to a trader unless satisfied that the trader is a fit and proper person. APPLICANTS SHOULD NOTE THAT A POLICE RECORDS CHECK WILL BE MADE IN RELATION TO ANY PERSON NAMED ON THE APPLICATION FORM.
- A licence may be revoked if the holder is convicted of an offence under the Act or information is obtained showing that the trader is not a fit and proper person.
- A method of appeal against the refusal to issue, or revocation of a licence is available and details of this may be obtained from the Isle of Man Office of Fair Trading.
- A licence holder must display his licence in a prominent position at his place of business.
- A person resident in the Isle of Man shall be treated as a Non-Resident trader if he acts as an agent for a person who is not resident in the Isle of Man.
- A licence will be issued subject to the following terms and conditions: -
 - a) The licence holder shall at all reasonable times permit an authorised Officer access to his place of business to determine whether requirements of the Act are being complied with.
 - b) The licence holder shall only carry on business between the hours specified on the licence.
 - c) The licence holder shall maintain a reasonable standard of quality and service consistent with the price charged.
- Persons exempt from the requirements of the Act are as follows:-
 - a) Commercial travellers and other persons selling or seeking orders for goods from:-
 - (i) Persons who are dealers therein and who buy to sell again;

or

- (ii) Persons who purchase such goods for use (other than resale) in their own businesses.
 - b) Persons who sell goods in a trade exhibition approved by the Office.
 - c) Any person selling, or exposing for sale, goods on behalf of a charitable or social organisation approved by the Office and authorised by that organisation to sell, or expose for sale, those goods.
 - d) Any person who has premises in the Island from which goods are ordinarily sold by retail throughout at least 2 months of the year and in respect of which that person pays a rate (the proof whereof shall lie on him) to the local authority for the district in which such premises are situate.
 - e) Any person who sells or offers for sale or seeks orders for the sale of any goods in the course of a bonafide mail order business.
- If you have any queries regarding the legislation or its application contact:-

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Trading Standards Service
Thie Slieau Whallian
Foxdale Road, St John's
Isle of Man. IM4 3AS

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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Any person who is not classed as an Isle of Man worker under the Control of Employment Legislation, requires a Work Permit before taking up employment or self-employment in the Isle of Man. There are certain exemptions and details of these can be obtained from the Department of Economic Development, Employment Division, Nivison House, Hill Street, Douglas, Isle of Man. Telephone (01624) 687026.

Any person who sells, offers or exposes goods for sale in any street (i.e. public thoroughfare) will in addition to a Non Resident Traders Licence also require a Street Traders Licence issued under the Pedlars and Street Traders Act 1906. Application for such licences should be made to the Local Authority responsible for the area in which the sale is proposed to take place.

If you are **not** resident in the United Kingdom and intend to trade in the Isle of Man, VAT registration is mandatory. Please contact IOM Customs and Excise for further information on (01624) 648120.

PLEASE NOTE

YOUR NON-RESIDENT TRADERS LICENCE DOES NOT EXEMPT YOU FROM ANY OF THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS.

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