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14.3 Maximum Capacity

One of the mandatory conditions that is attached to all STL licences is that the licence holder must ensure that the number of guests residing on the premises does not exceed the number specified in the licence.

All grant applications will ask the applicant to confirm the number of guests they would like to accommodate in the premises. The Licensing Authority do however have to provide a maximum number of guests who can stay on the premises at any one time on the STL licence when it is issued. This is known as the “*maximum capacity*”. The Licensing Authority, taking into account the information provided on the application form and layout plan, will calculate the maximum capacity in the following way:

The maximum number of persons in relation to a premises is whichever is the lesser of (a) or (b):

- (a) The number specified in Table 1 below in relation to the number of rooms in the house available as sleeping accommodation for guests,
- (b) The aggregate for all such rooms in the premises of the numbers specified in column 2 of Table 2 in relation to each room of the floor area specified in column 1.

It should be noted that no account shall be taken for the purposes of either Table of a room having a floor area of less than 50 square feet.

It should be noted that a room is available as sleeping accommodation if it is of a type normally used in the premises as a living room or as a bedroom. The Licensing Authority will not include children under 2 years of age when calculating the maximum capacity.

Table 1

Number of rooms (this should include living room and bedrooms if used as sleeping accommodation within the premises)	Number of persons
1	2
2	3
3	5
4	7
5+	2 for each room

Table 2

Column 1 - Floor area of each room	Column 2 - Number of persons
90 sq. ft. (8.36 sq. m.) or more	2
50 sq. ft. (4.65 sq. m.) or more but less than 90 sq. ft (8.36 sq. m.).	1