

Frequently Asked Questions

How much will the licence cost?

A site licence will cost £430 and a collector's licence is £180 in the East Lindsey District Council area from March 2016.

How long is my licence valid for?

Three years, both the site and collector's licence are valid for three years.

I have a Waste Carriers Licence do I need a Site/Collectors Licence?

Yes, you will need a site or collector's licence as well as the Waste Carriers Licence. Your Waste Carriers Licence is applied for through the Environment Agency.

Why do I need this licence?

The Act in which these licences have been created from has been brought in to force to provide effective and proportionate regulation of the Scrap Metal sector. It will create a more robust, locally run licensing regime that will support legitimate dealers yet provide the power to tackle unscrupulous operators. It will raise standards across the sector as a whole.

When did the Act come into Force?

The Act came into force on 1st October 2013 with enforcement powers granted from 1st December 2013.

What are the different types of licences?

There are two types of licence, one is a site licence and the other is a collector's licence.

A site licence authorises you to carry on business as a scrap metal dealer at the sites listed within your application form. You are able to collect scrap under this licence but must display a copy of your site licence in your vehicle.

A collector's licence, or mobile collector licence, is for scrap metal collectors who carry on business collecting scrap and then weigh it in at a site.

I have a collectors licence for another local authority area, can I operate in East Lindsey?

No, a collector's licence authorises the licensee to operate as a mobile collector in the area of the issuing local authority.

I have a site licence, can I operate in another local authority area?

Yes, a site licence requires all the sites at which you operate business from within the local authority area to be identified. A site manager must be named for each site and in doing so, you will be permitted to operate from those sites as a scrap metal dealer, including transporting scrap metal to and from those sites from any local authority area.

I am a motor salvage operator do I need a licence?

Yes, this legislation rescinds previous certificates of registration Motor Salvage Operators Regulations 2002, dealers and operators need to apply for a new registration under the 2013 Act as previous certificates were invalid on 1 November 2013.

Do I need a licence as a plumber/farmer/roofer?

The answer to this question varies according to individual circumstances to a certain extent, but generally where the sale of the metal is incidental to the main type of work or business undertaken then a licence will not be needed. In the case of most tradesmen such as plumbers and electricians and some skip hire firms the sale of scrap metal is not an integral part of their business and they will not require to be licensed as a scrap metal dealer. Where though there is a reasonable expectation, for example, that the material deposited in the skip will contain significant amounts of scrap metal, such as skips used where there is demolition activity or ones sited at engineering manufacturing establishments and plumbers' yards, then the skip hire company will generally require a scrap metal dealers licence.

What is the fee is I fail to display my licence clearly?

The maximum fine for failing to display your licence is £1000.

How can I get an application form?

Call the Council on 01507 613552 to request a form to be posted out or download it from our website.