

Consultation Questions
Consultation on Alcohol Misuse

Question 1: We invite views on our proposals to make regulations, under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Agree with government proposals

Question 2: We invite views on whether a minimum pricing scheme should be based on the following principles

agree with all of the above except point 2 regarding price being determined with reference to alcoholic strength - not sure how this would affect ie whisky

Question 3: What particular information do you

Parents must teach children about responsible social drinking and lead by example.

<i>think parents and carers would find helpful to enable them to support their children to make positive choices about alcohol?</i>	Presentations given in schools/youth clubs from people who have suffered the ill effects of alcohol misuse and lived to mend their ways could be useful.
<i>Question 4: Do you think that the minimum age for off-sales purchases should be raised to 21 in Scotland?</i>	yes,
<i>Question 5: What criteria should be used to determine the types of premises (or specific premises) that should be subject to a 'social responsibility fee'? (e.g. late opening premises, or premises in a particular area)?</i>	Places which exist in the main to sell alcohol, ie off licences, late opening pubs and town and city centre pubs and clubs should be subject to the social responsibility fee. Supermarkets selling alcohol in bulk should also be subject to the fee. No exemptions from the fee, but perhaps a grading scale could work, ie a small country pub selling food may not be charged as much as a pub with high alcohol sales turnover.
<i>Question 6: Should a fee be applied to Occasional Licences as well as Premises Licences?</i>	yes
<i>Question 7: Should a similar fee be applied to other premises licensed under separate legislation?</i>	yes, Anywhere selling alcohol should be subjected to the fee in one form or another.
<i>Question 8: Do you agree that regulations should be made, under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, to extend the existing regulations to:</i>	yes,
<i>Question 9: Do you think that there should be separate checkouts for alcohol sales?</i>	no,
<i>Question 10: Should there should be a requirement for alcohol checkout staff to be at least 18 years old?</i>	yes,
<i>Question 11: Do you have any other comments or suggestions to make on, or any addition to, the proposals set out in this consultation paper?</i>	