STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2026 No. 70

LICENSING

The Licensing (City of Derry Airport) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

Made - - - -	*31st March 2026*
Coming into operation	*2nd April 2026*

The Department for Communities (**a**) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 53(1) of the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (**b**) and now vested in it (**c**).

In accordance with Article 53(2)(a) of that Order, it appears to the Department that there is a substantial amount of international passenger traffic at City of Derry Airport.

In accordance with Article 53(2)(b) of that Order, the Department is satisfied that arrangements have been made for affording reasonable facilities on licensed premises within the examination station approved for that airport under section 22 of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (**d**) for obtaining hot and cold beverages other than intoxicating liquor at all times when such liquor is obtainable for consumption in the premises.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as The Licensing (City of Derry Airport) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026 and shall come into operation on 2nd April 2026.

Specification of airport

2. City of Derry Airport is specified as an international airport.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 31st March 2026.

(L.S.)

Gerard Murray
A senior officer of the Department for Communities

(**a**) Formerly the Department for Social Development, see section 1 (7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (2016 c.5 (N.I.))
(**b**) S.I. 1996/3158 (N.I. 22)
(**c**) See Article 8(b) of and Part II of Schedule 6 to the Departments (Transfer and Assignment of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (S.R. 1999 No. 481))
(**d**) 1979 c.2

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order specifies City of Derry Airport as an international airport.

Article 41 of the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 prohibits the sale, purchase, consumption or taking away of intoxicating liquor outside permitted hours. That prohibition does not apply to licensed premises within an examination station (approved under section 22 of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979) at an airport specified as an international airport under Article 53(1) of that Order.

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