

# Guide to Use Classes Order in England (August 2012)

<b>A1</b> Shops	Shops, retail warehouses, hairdressers, undertakers, travel and ticket agencies, post offices, pet shops, sandwich bars, showrooms, domestic hire shops, funeral directors, sale of cold food for consumption off premises, dry cleaners, internet cafes	No permitted change except to mixed use as a shop A1 and single flat and vice versa
<b>A2</b> Financial and Professional Services	Banks, building societies, estate and employment agencies, professional and financial services, betting offices (not health or medical)	Permitted change to A1 where a ground floor display window exists. Also as above to a mixed use as a single flat and A2 use and vice versa
<b>A3</b> Food and Drink	Restaurants and cafes	Permitted change to Class A1 where there is a display window at ground floor level and Class A2
<b>A4</b> Drinking Establishments	Pubs and bars or other drinking establishments	Permitted change to A1, A2, A3
<b>A5</b> Hot Food Takeaways	Hot food takeaway/sale of hot food for consumption off premises	Permitted change to A1, A2, A3
<b>B1</b> Business (a)	a) Offices, not within A2	Permitted change to B8 where no more than 235 sq.m
	b) Research and development, studios, laboratories, high technology	Permitted change to B8 where no more than 235 sq.m
	c) Light Industry	Permitted change to B8 where no more than 235 sq.m
<b>B2</b> General Industry	General Industry, Industrial process other than that falling in B1	Permitted change to B1 or B8 where no more than 235 sq m
<b>B8</b> Storage or Distribution	Wholesale warehouses, repositories	Permitted change to B1 where no more than 235 sq m

<b>C1</b> Hotels	Hotels, boarding and guest houses (where no significant element of care is provided)	No permitted change
<b>C2</b> Residential Institutions	Residential schools and colleges, hospitals and convalescent/nursing homes	No permitted change
<b>C2A</b> Secure Residential Institution	Secure residential accommodation, including prisons, young offenders institutions, detention centres, secure training centres, custody centres, short term holding centres, secure hospitals, secure local authority accommodation or military barracks	No permitted change
<b>C3</b> Dwelling Houses	Dwellings, with up to 6 people living as a single household	No permitted change
<b>C4</b> Houses in multiple occupation	Use of a dwellinghouse by not more than six residents as a "house in multiple occupation"(HMO)	Permitted change to C3

The table is intended as general guidance only. Reference should be made to the The Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 is the principal order which has been subject to a number of subsequent amendments. Changes within a specific class do not require planning permission provided that the use subsists, the planning permission exists and no restrictive condition is attached.

<b>D1</b> Non-residential Institutions	Places of worship, church halls, clinics, health centres, crèches, day nurseries, consulting rooms, museums, public halls, libraries, art galleries, exhibition halls, law court, Non residential education and training centres	No permitted change
<b>D2</b> Assembly and Leisure	Cinemas, music and concert halls, dance, sports halls, baths, skating rinks, gymnasiums. Other indoor and outdoor sports and leisure uses, bingo halls not involving motorised vehicles or firearms	No permitted change
<b>Sui Generis</b>	Theatres, houses in multiple paying occupation, hostels providing no significant element of care, scrap yards. Petrol filling stations and shops selling and/or displaying motor vehicles. Retail warehouse clubs, nightclubs, launderettes, dry cleaners, taxi businesses, amusement centres, casinos, funfairs, vehicle hire businesses	No permitted change except casino to D2



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