## **Applying to store explosives**

If you want to store up to 2,000 kilograms of fireworks, you will need to apply for a licence from the council. If you wish to store more, you will need to seek advice from the [Health and Safety Executive](http://www.hse.gov.uk/)

## **Guidance notes**

Guidance on explosive storage and sale is available from the Health and Safety Executive website.

* [Guidance on Explosives Regulations - Safety Provisions (Health and Safety Executive)](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/l150.htm)
* [Guidance on Explosives Regulations - Security Provisions (Health and Safety Executive)](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/l151.htm)
* [Guidance on storing and selling fireworks (Health and Safety Executive)](http://www.hse.gov.uk/explosives/fireworks/industry.htm)
* [Explosives Regulations 2014 (Legislation UK website)](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2014/1638/contents/made)

## **Application fees**

Fees are set annually in legislation and will depend on the type of licence you apply for, the period of licence granted (1-5 years) and the quantity of explosives you intend to store

### **New licence**

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|   | **1 Year** | **2 Years** | **3 Years** | **4 Years** | **5 Years** |
| **Under 250kg** | £113 | £147 | £181 | £215 | £248 |
| **250kg – 2000kg** | £193 | £253 | £317 | £390 | £441 |

### **Renewal of existing licence**

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|   | **1 Year** | **2 Years** | **3 Years** | **4 Years** | **5 Years** |
| **Under 250kg** | £56 | £90 | £125 | £158 | £193 |
| **250kg – 2000kg** | £90 | £153 | £215 | £277 | £340 |

### **Other fees**

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| **Varying name of licensee or address of site** | £38 |
| **Transfer of licence** | £38 |
| **Replacement of licence** | £38 |
| **All year round sales licence** | £500 |

## **How to apply**

Payment can be made over the phone by calling 02085453025 Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm, please use your licence number or premises address as the reference.

Please make payment prior to submitting your application; you will need to tell us the period of licence requested AND the quantity to be stored

Please ensure you send a copy of your receipt along with your application, premise plan and risk assessment as required to trading.standards@merton.gov.uk

## **What happens next?**

If we are satisfied with your application, we will register you. We will not normally visit your premises before granting a registration.

This registration runs until 30 September of each year, so you need to renew your registration when it expires if you want to continue to sell fireworks

## **Selling fireworks all your round**

Generally, you can only sell fireworks to the public during the following designated periods:

* 15 October to 10 November
* 26 December to 31 December
* on the first day of the Chinese New Year and the three days immediately preceding it, and
* on the day of Diwali and the three days immediately preceding it

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If you want to sell fireworks at any other time contact us to obtain an annual fireworks sellers' licence in addition to the storage licence