

# Guidelines for Providing Music & Wine in Gardens



In November 2005 a new Licensing Act came into effect, which is relevant to the issue of whether or not a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) is required to serve wine at your garden opening. Many garden owners like to offer a glass of wine. Some offer this at no extra charge; others prefer to charge for each glass.

Previously it had been suggested that, provided the wine is part of the ticket price, a Temporary Event Notice is not required. Unfortunately this is incorrect and statements such as 'Admission £5.00 including wine' or 'Free glass of wine' (which may imply that it is already included in the admission charge), should be avoided.

Any publicity should promote the garden opening and just note wine as one of the features of the evening. In these cases, you will not normally need a Temporary Event Notice as the wine is not being sold either overtly or as part of the admission charge.

If you have any concerns about whether you should obtain a Temporary Event Notice, it is always best to check with your local licensing authority and you can find the relevant details by putting your postcode into the following website [www.gov.uk/alcohol-licence-your-area](http://www.gov.uk/alcohol-licence-your-area) and letting them know:

- You are planning a garden visiting event for charity.
- A charge is made for admission to the garden, but there is no additional charge for the wine.

If you do want to charge for wine, or if the licensing authority says you need a Temporary Event Notice, it is very easy to apply for one online at [www.gov.uk/temporary-events-notice](http://www.gov.uk/temporary-events-notice). There is a fee for the TEN, currently £21.00.

In the case of entertainment, providing the music or other activity is ancillary to the main activity, a licence is not normally required.

If you have any questions or concerns, or have difficulty obtaining a Temporary Event Notice, please do contact Georgina Waters, Head of Operations, on 01483 211795 or email [georgina@ngs.org.uk](mailto:georgina@ngs.org.uk).

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