

Summary of changes brought about by the Live Music Act 2012

The Live Music Act 2012 is effective from 1st October 2012, having received Royal Assent earlier this year.

The Act removes the licensing requirements for live music in the following circumstances:

- Where amplified live music is provided between 8am and 11pm for audiences of no more than 200 people, in premises authorised under the Licensing Act 2003 to sell alcohol for consumption **on** the premises;
- Where amplified live music is provided between 8am and 11pm for audiences of no more than 200 people, in workplaces which are not licensed under the Licensing Act 2003 (or which are licensed only for the provision of late night refreshment);
- Where unamplified music is provided between 8am and 11pm in any venue.

However: Licensing Authorities will still have the authority to impose conditions restricting these activities following a review of a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate.

Other changes brought about by the Live Music Act include:

- The removal of the licensing requirement for providing any form of entertainment facilities;
- The widening of the exemption relating to Morris dancing so that all music, whether live, recorded, amplified or unamplified, is exempt from licensing requirements when it is integral to a performance of Morris dancing.

If you would like advice about whether a licence is required for entertainment, please contact the Licensing team.

You may also find the attached flow chart useful in deciding whether or not you require a licence, but we suggest you always contact the Licensing team for advice if you are unsure whether or not a licence is needed.

The Live Music Act can be viewed here:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/2/contents/enacted>

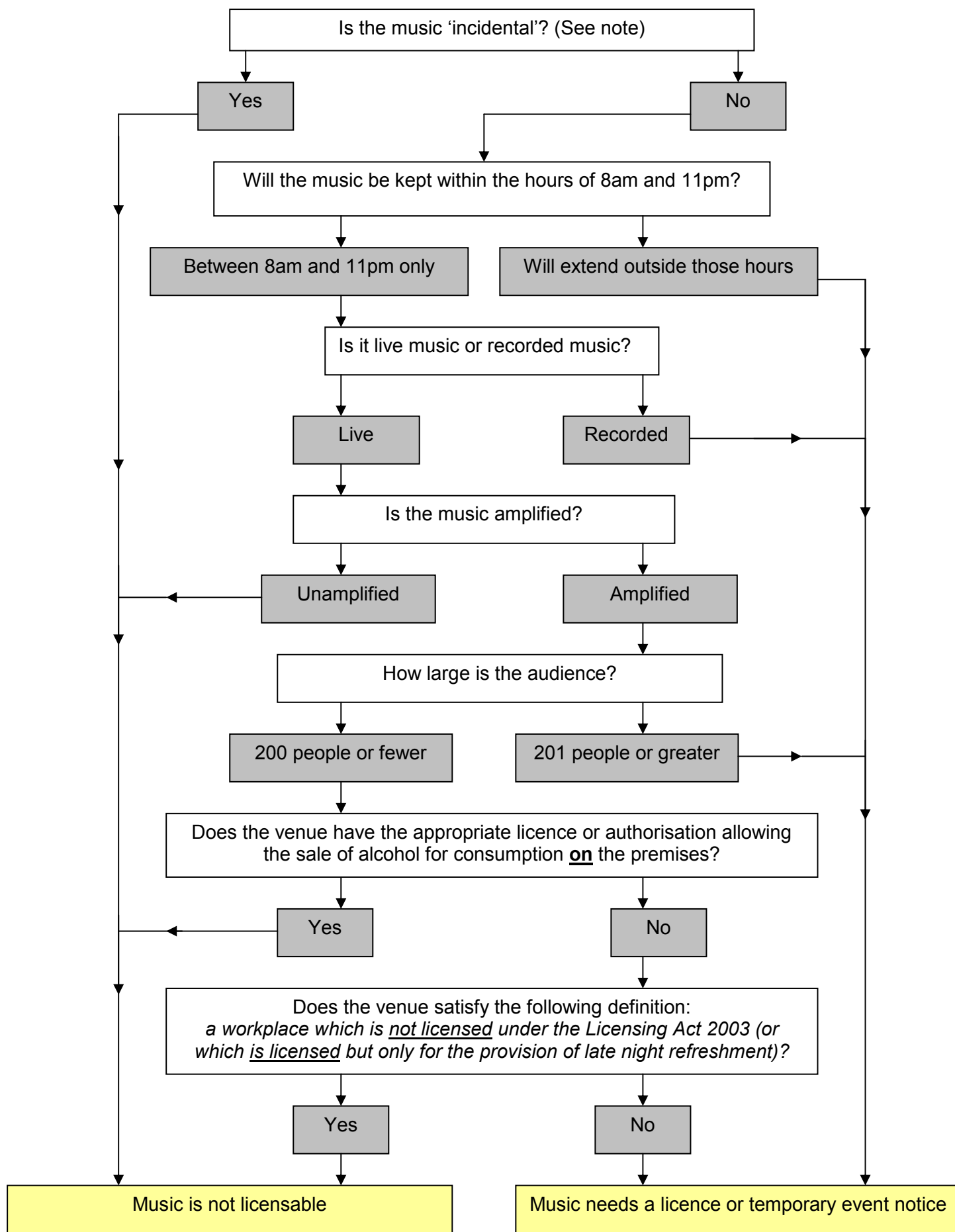
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Do you need a licence in order to have live music at your event?



Note – Incidental Music

Incidental music is music which is ancillary to something else which does not need an entertainment licence, for example background music in a restaurant. Music which does not form the main focus of an event may be deemed to be incidental. If you are in any doubt about this please contact the licensing team for advice.