# Commercial property licence: to occupy business premises

1.	The Licensor is: [name] of [address]	
2.	The Licensee is: [	
3.	The subject rooms Rooms".	to as "the
4.	Start date of Licence: [date].	
5.	Use allowed:	allowed].
6.	The Licence time to time.	the Licensee from
7.	The Licence fee includes:	
	7.1. rates;	
	7.2. electricity, gas, and	,
	7.3. maintenance of the Rooms.	
8.	The Licensor	at his own cost.
9.	The Licensee is to	, or anyone
	authorised by him in writing, any reason at any time.	for
10.	The Licensee must not:	
	10.1. make any structural alterations,	;
	10.2. remove any	;
	10.3. share occupation of the Rooms or attempt to assig	n,
	10.4. allow any dog,	

	11.1.	
	11.2.	
12.	This Licence may	Licensor
12.	agrees to try to give the Licensee [four weeks]	
13.	When this personal possessions and Rooms in a clean condition.	remove all his
Signed sign)	d by or for the	that he has proper authority to
Signat	ture	
Signed to sign	d by or for the Licensee [write name] (who certif	ies that he has proper authority
Signat	ture	

The Licensee must:

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# **Explanatory notes:**

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## **General notes:**

#### 1. Why not a lease?

It is essential that if the Court is not to treat this agreement as a lease, the "getup" and terms must be those one would reasonably expect in an informal licence and not in a formal lease. It will therefore be a mistake to "formalise" the document further than its present form. If more control

#### 2. Description of the Rooms

The description of the rooms is important. It must be clear and precise. Even for a licence, it may be helpful to both parties if the licensor has prepared an accurate scale plan of the rooms, from which measurements of the areas

Example description:

"The third floor Rooms numbered 3, 4 and 5 on their

Or

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"Room 24 as

#### 3. Prohibitions on licensee

What licensee is not allowed to do: a lease will generally be drawn with a long list of tenant's covenants or promises to do and not to do .

4. Fee inclusive of outgoing	4.	Fee	inclusive	ot outgoing
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It is a characteristic

When fixing the licence fee, remember to

### 5. How long should the licence run?

It is fundamental to the nature of a licence that the landlord can terminate it at any time. That is

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There is no golden rule as to when a licence becomes a tenancy agreement. Many
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**End of notes**