

Best Bar None Terms and Conditions of Entry

1. The London Borough of Tower Hamlets ("LBTH") reserves the right to amend the judging criteria/terms and conditions if deemed necessary but will remain within the spirit of the published criteria terms & conditions.
2. The Assessors' visit is designed to verify the details on the application form and to carry out an inspection based on pre-set criteria. Applicants must make themselves and their premises available for inspection on the date agreed with the Assessors.
3. The first part of a Best Bar None ("BBN") assessment is the assumption operators are aware of and working within; the times, licensable activities and conditions of the premises licence for the premises. If the assessor is not satisfied of this, the remainder of the assessment will not take place.
4. The assessors of the awards cannot accept responsibility for the validity of claims made by applicants, although care will be taken to verify details provided.
5. 'Awarded' means the Premises is deemed to have satisfied the minimum standards laid down by the Best Bar None Scheme ("Scheme") and can display the award in the premises, being the subject of the award.
6. Application forms must be completed and returned to the :
Licensing Team
Environmental Health & Trading Standards
John Onslow House
1 Ewart Place
London
E3 5EQ

Or scanned and emailed to Licensing@towerhamlets.gov.uk
7. Applicants for Best Bar None Accreditation must be able to demonstrate good compliance with statutory obligations. To ensure this applications will be reviewed for any existing issues concerning compliance with statutory obligations, these include but are not limited to formal action such as prosecutions, simple cautions, police warnings, premises licence reviews, and ongoing complaints (of any nature) relating to the operation of the premises. LBTH reserves the right to decline or put on hold applications where it has concerns that statutory obligations have not been met.
8. Applicants for the Best Bar None (BBN) scheme must be Broadly Complaint in relation to Food Hygiene and Standards Inspections, and have achieved a score of 4 or more under the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme (FHRS). However LBTH may use its discretion in certain cases to allow premises who have not achieved this to improve their score before assessment. This will be done on a case by case basis but applicants are expected to demonstrate that they are actively seeking to improve their FHRS score.

9. The application form and all supporting material will become the property of LBTH.
10. All material submitted will be kept and treated in compliance with Data Protection Legislation.
11. Each premise can enter one category only unless it indicates that it is also an independent premise. Premises with multiple capacities shall register their premises under their primary capacity. For example; a restaurant with a bar will enter as a restaurant and a hotel with a bar and restaurant will enter as a hotel.
12. An 'Independent' venue is categorised as premises free of tie of a brewery, chain or group. This can apply to someone who either leases from the brewery, chain or group or owns the pub/bar/restaurant outright but does not own more than 3 premises.
13. The Award for best non-alcoholic offer means best selection of drinks that include 'alcohol free' and 'non-alcohol drinks'. This means the offer available at time of assessment contains no alcohol but may also contain up to and not more than 'up to 0.5% ABV'.
14. Premises that achieve accreditation do not grant them immunity from prosecution for any offences, or a review of their licence, and is no guarantee of the safety of the premises.
15. The result of the competition will be kept confidential until the Awards Ceremony and any attempt to ascertain the result beforehand may result in the disqualification of the relevant entry.
16. Comments made by the assessors or independent panel (whether in the shortlisting or the final judging, or otherwise) are confidential and will not be released by the organizers

Accreditation

1. The application period for the Best Bar None accreditation starts from 1st April each year and ends on the 1st September
2. Best Bar None accreditation shall be valid for the period beginning 1st April 2020 and ending 31st March 2021 the following year.

Late Night Levy Reduction Eligibility

1. All assessed and approved venues of the Best Bar None scheme are entitled to 30 per cent reduction of the Late Night Levy charge.

2. Best Bar None accreditation shall be valid for the period beginning the following year 1st January and ending 31st December.
3. The Late Night Levy is due on the same date as the Licence Annual Fee.
4. To qualify for the Late Night Levy Reduction for 2019 the Premises must:
 - a. Register for BBN before 1 September 2019.
 - b. Sit and pass its BBN Assessment before 30th November 2019
5. If the Assessment has not been sat and passed by 30th November 2019 applicants will not be eligible for the 30 per cent reduction of the Late Night Levy charge due in the year 2020/21.

Publicity

1. By signing or submitting an entry, all applicants agree to participate in awards-related publicity.
2. Only the details of those applicants which are long listed/shortlisted will be made public.
3. LBTH reserve the right to use recordings, film, and photographs taken at the shortlisting and the Awards Ceremony and to use any non-confidential material supplied by applicants for promotional purposes.
4. Applicants who are selected as finalists may be asked at a later stage to prepare / produce further details or information to promote the Awards.

Terminology

1. The “Assessor(s)” means any representative appointed by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to carry out assessments under the Scheme.
2. “Premises” means any premises seeking an award under the Best Bar None Scheme in the area covered by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.