

London property licensing schemes

A register of the additional and selective licensing designations we have found in the 33 London boroughs. Compiled by Flat Justice CIC. Snapshot taken 9 September 2026.

Mandatory HMO licensing is not listed here, because it applies everywhere

Mandatory licensing is national. It catches a house with five or more occupants in two or more households sharing an amenity, anywhere in England, without any borough designation — so there is nothing to list per borough and you should assume it applies. Additional and selective schemes are different: each one is designated by its own council, for its own area, for a fixed period, and those are what this register records.

So a borough with no rows here, or a row reading “Mandatory only”, is a borough with no additional or selective scheme. It is NOT a borough where no licence was needed. Five boroughs are in that position in this snapshot: City of London, Bromley, Richmond upon Thames, Sutton and Wandsworth.

Read this before you rely on any row

This is a dated snapshot, not a live record, and it is not a substitute for asking the council. Designations are made borough by borough and change often, so a scheme listed here as running today may since have expired or been replaced.

Above all: a scheme covering the area does NOT mean your property was unlicensed, and no scheme covering it does NOT mean no licence was needed. Only the council can tell you whether a licence was in force, and when any application was duly made.

How to read the columns

Scheme type — Additional / Selective

The two kinds of designation a council makes. “Mandatory only” is not a designation: it marks a borough where neither has been made, so only the national mandatory regime applies.

Effective from / Effective to

Use this pair, not the raw source dates, to answer “was this address licensable on date X?”

“Effective to” basis — Recorded

The end date comes from a source. Reliable, subject to the snapshot date above.

“Effective to” basis — Implied - 5yr max

The end date is NOT sourced. It is calculated as the start date plus five years less a day, because a designation cannot lawfully run longer than five years (s.60 and s.84, Housing Act 2004). Confirm it with the council before relying on it.

Status — Active / Expired, and Active? / EXPIRED? / Unknown

Without a question mark the status rests on a recorded end date. With one, the end date is implied rather than sourced: treat it as unconfirmed.

Mind the gaps — the point that decides cases

Where one scheme ended and its replacement started later, the property was NOT licensable in between: the offence stopped and restarted. Hackney is the live example — schemes ended 30 September 2023 and the replacements did not begin until 1 May 2026, a gap of two years and seven months. Always check for a gap before relying on a period that spans a scheme boundary.

Sources: londonpropertylicensing.co.uk and council websites. Designations are local acts published by each council; there is no central register. Since the Selective Licensing General Approval 2024 councils no longer need Secretary of State confirmation, so schemes are proliferating and this file dates quickly.

ID	Borough	Scheme type	Coverage	Area detail (wards / streets)	Start date (source)	End date (source)	Effective from	Effective to	"Effective to" basis	Status	Replaced by
S001	Hackney	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory; s.257 converted blocks excluded	01/05/2026	30/04/2031	01/05/2026	30/04/2031	Recorded	Active	
S002	Hackney	Selective	Part-borough	17 wards. Excludes Haggerston, Hoxton East & Shoreditch, Hoxton West, Woodberry Down	01/05/2026	30/04/2031	01/05/2026	30/04/2031	Recorded	Active	
S003	Hackney	Additional	Borough-wide	Previous scheme	01/10/2018	30/09/2023	01/10/2018	30/09/2023	Recorded	Expired	Hackney 2026 additi
S004	Hackney	Selective	Part-borough	Brownswood, Cazenove, Stoke Newington	01/10/2018	30/09/2023	01/10/2018	30/09/2023	Recorded	Expired	Hackney 2026 select
S005	Harrow	Selective	Part-borough	Roxeth ward	02/05/2026		02/05/2026	01/05/2031	Implied - 5yr max	Active?	
S006	Harrow	Selective	Part-borough	Greenhill ward	06/07/2026		06/07/2026	05/07/2031	Implied - 5yr max	Active?	
S007	Harrow	Selective	Part-borough	Marlborough ward	06/07/2026		06/07/2026	05/07/2031	Implied - 5yr max	Active?	
S008	Harrow	Selective	Part-borough	Wealdstone ward		01/09/2026		01/09/2026	Recorded	Unknown	Harrow Wealdstone I
S009	Harrow	Selective	Part-borough	Wealdstone North ward	01/09/2026		01/09/2026	31/08/2031	Implied - 5yr max	Active?	
S010	Harrow	Selective	Part-borough	Wealdstone South ward	01/09/2026		01/09/2026	31/08/2031	Implied - 5yr max	Active?	
S011	Havering	Additional		Not yet established	18/03/2026		18/03/2026	17/03/2031	Implied - 5yr max	Active?	
S012	Havering	Selective		Not yet established	18/03/2026		18/03/2026	17/03/2031	Implied - 5yr max	Active?	
S013	Westminster	Selective	Part-borough	15 wards. Excludes Pimlico South, St James, Vincent Square	24/11/2025		24/11/2025	23/11/2030	Implied - 5yr max	Active?	
S014	City of London	Mandatory only	Borough-wide	No additional or selective scheme					Unknown	Unknown	
S015	Barking & Dagenham	Additional	Borough-wide	3+ unrelated sharers	01/09/2014	31/08/2019	01/09/2014	31/08/2019	Recorded	Expired	B&D 2025 additional
S016	Barking & Dagenham	Selective	Borough-wide	All let property not a licensable HMO	01/09/2019	31/08/2024	01/09/2019	31/08/2024	Recorded	Expired	B&D 2025 selective
S017	Barnet	Additional	Borough-wide	3+/2+	27/10/2022	26/10/2027	27/10/2022	26/10/2027	Recorded	Active	
S018	Bexley	Selective	Part-borough	Thamesmead North, Abbey Wood, Erith, Manor	01/10/2018	31/08/2023	01/10/2018	31/08/2023	Recorded	Expired	
S019	Brent	Additional	Borough-wide	3+ occupants, 2+ households	01/02/2020	31/01/2025	01/02/2020	31/01/2025	Recorded	Expired	Brent 2026 additiona
S020	Brent	Selective	Part-borough	Harlesden, Wembley Central, Willesden Green, Dudden Hill, Kensal Green, Kilburn, Mapesbury	01/06/2018	31/12/2019	01/06/2018	31/12/2019	Recorded	Expired	
S021	Camden	Additional	Borough-wide	3+ occupants, 2+ households	08/12/2020	07/12/2025	08/12/2020	07/12/2025	Recorded	Expired	Camden 2025 additi
S022	Croydon	Additional		Recorded as expired					Unknown	Unknown	Croydon 2026 schen
S023	Croydon	Selective	Borough-wide	All private rented homes	01/10/2015	30/09/2020	01/10/2015	30/09/2020	Recorded	Expired	Croydon 2026 schen
S024	Ealing	Additional	Borough-wide	3+/2+	01/04/2022		01/04/2022	31/03/2027	Implied - 5yr max	Active?	
S025	Ealing	Selective	Part-borough	Acton Central, Dormers Wells, Greenford Broadway, Greenford Green, Hanger Hill, Hobbayne, Lady Margaret, North Greenford, Northolt Mandeville, Northolt West End, Perivale, South Acton (pre-May 2022 boundaries)	03/01/2023		03/01/2023	02/01/2028	Implied - 5yr max	Active?	
S026	Enfield	Additional	Borough-wide	3+ occupants, 2+ households	01/09/2020	31/08/2025	01/09/2020	31/08/2025	Recorded	Expired	Enfield 2025 addition
S027	Enfield	Selective	Part-borough	Bowes, Chase, Edmonton Green, Enfield Highway, Enfield Lock, Haselbury, Jubilee, Lower Edmonton, Palmers Green, Ponders End, Southbury, Southgate Green, Turkev Street, Upper Edmonton	01/09/2021	31/08/2026	01/09/2021	31/08/2026	Recorded	Expired	
S028	Greenwich	Additional	Borough-wide	3+/2+	01/10/2017	30/09/2022	01/10/2017	30/09/2022	Recorded	Expired	Greenwich 2024 add
S029	Greenwich	Selective	Part-borough	Parts of Plumstead, Glynndon, Shooters Hill, Woolwich Common and Woolwich Riverside wards	01/10/2022	30/09/2027	01/10/2022	30/09/2027	Recorded	Active	
S030	Hammersmith & Fulham	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs shared by 3+ people; s.257 HMOs	05/06/2022	04/06/2027	05/06/2022	04/06/2027	Recorded	Active	
S031	Hammersmith & Fulham	Selective	Streets	24 designated streets: Askew Road, Baron's Court Road, Bloemfontein Road, Blythe Road, Coningham All HMOs	05/06/2022	04/06/2027	05/06/2022	04/06/2027	Recorded	Active	
S032	Haringey	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs	27/05/2019	26/05/2024	27/05/2019	26/05/2024	Recorded	Expired	Haringey 2024 additi
S033	Haringey	Additional	Borough-wide	Follow-on scheme, five years	17/06/2024	16/06/2029	17/06/2024	16/06/2029	Recorded	Active	
S034	Haringey	Selective	Part-borough	Bruce Grove, Northumberland Park, Seven Sisters, Tottenham Hale, Tottenham Green	01/05/2014	30/04/2019	01/05/2014	30/04/2019	Recorded	Expired	Haringey 2022 select
S035	Haringey	Selective		Subsequent scheme	17/11/2022	16/11/2027	17/11/2022	16/11/2027	Recorded	Active	
S036	Harrow	Additional		3+/2+ sharers					Unknown	Unknown	
S037	Harrow	Selective	Part-borough	Edgware (renewed 2021), Wealdstone, Roxbourne, Roxeth					Unknown	Unknown	
S038	Havering	Additional	Part-borough	Brooklands, Elm Park, Gooshays, Harold Wood, Havering Park, Heaton, Mawneys, Pettits, Rainham & Wennington, Romford Town, South Hornchurch, Squirrels Heath	01/03/2018	24/01/2026	01/03/2018	24/01/2026	Recorded	Expired	Havering 2026 scher
S039	Havering	Additional	Borough-wide	Extended to Emerson Park, Hylands, Saint Andrews, Cranham, Hacton, Upminster	25/01/2021	24/01/2026	25/01/2021	24/01/2026	Recorded	Expired	Havering 2026 scher
S040	Havering	Selective	Part-borough	Romford Town, Brooklands	25/01/2021	24/01/2026	25/01/2021	24/01/2026	Recorded	Expired	Havering 2026 scher
S041	Hillingdon	Additional	Borough-wide			08/11/2020		08/11/2020	Recorded	Unknown	Hillingdon 2026 addi
S042	Hounslow	Additional	Borough-wide	s.254 HMOs, 3+ persons in 2+ households; excludes purpose-built flats in blocks of 3+	01/08/2020	31/07/2025	01/08/2020	31/07/2025	Recorded	Expired	Hounslow 2025 addi
S043	Islington	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory; s.257 HMOs	01/02/2021	31/01/2026	01/02/2021	31/01/2026	Recorded	Expired	Islington 2026 additi
S044	Islington	Selective	Part-borough	Finsbury Park ward	01/09/2015	31/08/2020	01/09/2015	31/08/2020	Recorded	Expired	Islington 2024 select
S045	Kensington & Chelsea	Additional		3+/2+	01/06/2023		01/06/2023	31/05/2028	Implied - 5yr max	Active?	
S046	Kingston upon Thames	Additional		3+/2+, 3 storeys		28/02/2023		28/02/2023	Recorded	Unknown	
S047	Lambeth	Additional		3+/2+	09/12/2021		09/12/2021	08/12/2026	Implied - 5yr max	Active?	
S048	Lewisham	Additional		3+/2+	05/04/2022		05/04/2022	04/04/2027	Implied - 5yr max	Active?	
S049	Lewisham	Selective		Not recorded	01/07/2024		01/07/2024	30/06/2029	Implied - 5yr max	Active?	
S050	Merton	Additional	Part-borough	Colliers Wood, Cricket Green, Figge's Marsh, Graveney, Lavender Fields, Longthornton, Pollards	23/09/2023		23/09/2023	22/09/2028	Implied - 5yr max	Active?	
S051	Merton	Selective	Part-borough	Figge's Marsh, Graveney, Longthornton, Pollards Hill	24/09/2023		24/09/2023	23/09/2028	Implied - 5yr max	Active?	
S052	Newham	Additional	Borough-wide e	Borough-wide EXCEPT Royal Victoria and Stratford	01/01/2023	31/12/2027	01/01/2023	31/12/2027	Recorded	Active	
S053	Newham	Selective	Borough-wide e	Borough-wide EXCEPT Royal Victoria and Stratford Olympic Park wards	01/06/2023	31/05/2028	01/06/2023	31/05/2028	Recorded	Active	
S054	Redbridge	Additional		3+ occupants, 2+ households	13/04/2018	12/04/2022	13/04/2018	12/04/2022	Recorded	Expired	Redbridge 2023 addi
S055	Redbridge	Selective	Part-borough	Clementswood, Valentines	01/01/2017	31/12/2022	01/01/2017	31/12/2022	Recorded	Expired	
S056	Redbridge	Selective	Part-borough	Goodmayes, Loxford, Snarebrook, Roding, Newbury, Mayfield, Cranbrook, Seven Kings, Chadwell, Fairlop, Aldborough, Church End	01/10/2018	30/09/2023	01/10/2018	30/09/2023	Recorded	Expired	
S057	Redbridge	Selective	Part-borough	Valentines, Ilford Town (Scheme 3)	01/11/2023	31/10/2028	01/11/2023	31/10/2028	Recorded	Active	
S058	Redbridge	Selective	Part-borough	15 wards: Aldborough, Barkingside, Chadwell, Churchfields, Clementswood, Cranbrook, Fairlop, Goodmayes, Hainault, Loxford, Mayfield, Newbury, Seven Kings, South Woodford, Wanstead Village	08/04/2024	07/04/2029	08/04/2024	07/04/2029	Recorded	Active	
S059	Southwark	Additional	Borough-wide	3+ occupants, 2+ households	01/03/2022		01/03/2022	28/02/2027	Implied - 5yr max	Active?	
S060	Southwark	Selective	Part-borough	Champion Hill, Faraday, Goose Green, Newington, St Giles					Unknown	Unknown	
S061	Tower Hamlets	Additional			01/04/2019	31/03/2024	01/04/2019	31/03/2024	Recorded	Expired	Tower Hamlets 2024
S062	Tower Hamlets	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory; s.257 converted blocks	01/04/2024	31/03/2029	01/04/2024	31/03/2029	Recorded	Active	
S063	Tower Hamlets	Selective	Part-borough	Whitechapel, Weavers, Spitalfields & Banglatown (pre-22 May 2014 ward boundaries). Designation	01/10/2021	01/10/2026	01/10/2021	01/10/2026	Recorded	Active	
S064	Waltham Forest	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs except s.257	01/04/2020	31/03/2025	01/04/2020	31/03/2025	Recorded	Expired	Waltham Forest 202
S065	Waltham Forest	Selective	Borough-wide	Nearly all property	01/05/2020	30/04/2025	01/05/2020	30/04/2025	Recorded	Expired	Waltham Forest 202

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S066	Westminster	Additional		s.257 position complicated — see LPL borough page	30/08/2021		30/08/2021	29/08/2026	Implied - 5yr max	EXPIRED?	
S067	Bromley	Mandatory only	Borough-wide						Unknown	Unknown	
S068	Richmond upon Thames	Mandatory only	Borough-wide						Unknown	Unknown	
S069	Sutton	Mandatory only	Borough-wide						Unknown	Unknown	
S070	Wandsworth	Mandatory only	Borough-wide						Unknown	Unknown	
S071	Barking & Dagenham	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory; s.257 converted blocks excluded	09/01/2025	08/01/2030	09/01/2025	08/01/2030	Recorded	Active	
S072	Barking & Dagenham	Selective	Borough-wide	All property let to a single household or two sharers	06/04/2025	05/04/2030	06/04/2025	05/04/2030	Recorded	Active	
S073	Greenwich	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory; s.257 converted blocks INCLUDED	01/01/2024	31/12/2028	01/01/2024	31/12/2028	Recorded	Active	
S074	Enfield	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory; s.257 converted blocks excluded	01/09/2025	31/08/2030	01/09/2025	31/08/2030	Recorded	Active	
S075	Camden	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory, incl. flats in purpose-built blocks of 3+; s.257 HMOs INCLUDED where under half the flats are owner-occupied	08/12/2025	07/12/2030	08/12/2025	07/12/2030	Recorded	Active	
S076	Brent	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory; all s.257 HMOs INCLUDED	02/02/2026	01/02/2031	02/02/2026	01/02/2031	Recorded	Active	
S077	Brent	Selective	Part-borough	Dollis Hill, Willesden Green, Harlesden & Kensal	01/08/2023	31/07/2028	01/08/2023	31/07/2028	Recorded	Active	
S078	Brent	Selective	Part-borough	Alperton, Barnhill, Brondesbury Park, Cricklewood & Mapesbury, Kenton, Kilburn, Kingsbury, Northwick Park, Preston, Queens Park, Queensbury, Roundwood, Stonebridge, Sudbury, Tokyngton, Welsh Harp Wembley Central Wembley Hill	01/04/2024	31/03/2029	01/04/2024	31/03/2029	Recorded	Active	
S079	Hillingdon	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory; s.257 converted blocks excluded	24/08/2026	23/08/2031	24/08/2026	23/08/2031	Recorded	Active	
S080	Hounslow	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory; s.257 HMOs INCLUDED where all units privately rented and in same ownership/control	11/12/2025	10/12/2030	11/12/2025	10/12/2030	Recorded	Active	
S081	Waltham Forest	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs shared by 3+ people; s.257 converted blocks excluded	01/04/2025	31/03/2030	01/04/2025	31/03/2030	Recorded	Active	
S082	Waltham Forest	Selective	Borough-wide	Borough-wide EXCEPT Hatch Lane & Highams Park North and Endlebury wards	01/05/2025	30/04/2030	01/05/2025	30/04/2030	Recorded	Active	
S083	Islington	Selective	Part-borough	Finsbury Park, Tollington and Hillrise wards	20/05/2024	19/05/2029	20/05/2024	19/05/2029	Recorded	Active	
S084	Redbridge	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory; s.257 HMOs INCLUDED where all units privately rented and in same ownership/control	18/09/2023	17/09/2028	18/09/2023	17/09/2028	Recorded	Active	
S085	Islington	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory (3–4 sharers); s.257 HMOs INCLUDED where all flats privately rented under one freehold	01/02/2026	31/01/2031	01/02/2026	31/01/2031	Recorded	Active	
S086	Havering	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory; all s.257 HMOs	18/03/2026	17/03/2031	18/03/2026	17/03/2031	Recorded	Active	
S087	Havering	Selective	Part-borough	Beam Park, Harold Wood, Rainham & Wennington, Rush Green & Crowlands, Squirrels Heath, St Albans, St Edwards	18/03/2026	17/03/2031	18/03/2026	17/03/2031	Recorded	Active	
S088	Wandsworth	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory	01/07/2025	30/06/2030	01/07/2025	30/06/2030	Recorded	Active	
S089	Wandsworth	Selective	Part-borough	Coverage to establish	01/07/2025	30/06/2030	01/07/2025	30/06/2030	Recorded	Active	
S090	Sutton	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory	22/03/2026	21/03/2031	22/03/2026	21/03/2031	Recorded	Active	
S091	Croydon	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory	01/09/2026	31/08/2031	01/09/2026	31/08/2031	Recorded	Active	
S092	Croydon	Selective	Part-borough	14 council wards — list to confirm	01/09/2026	31/08/2031	01/09/2026	31/08/2031	Recorded	Active	
S093	Barnet	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory	27/10/2022	26/10/2027	27/10/2022	26/10/2027	Recorded	Active	
S094	Bexley	Selective	Part-borough	Belvedere ward	13/01/2025	12/01/2030	13/01/2025	12/01/2030	Recorded	Active	
S095	Ealing	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory	01/04/2022	31/03/2027	01/04/2022	31/03/2027	Recorded	Active	
S096	Ealing	Selective	Part-borough	Designation 1 wards	01/04/2022	31/03/2027	01/04/2022	31/03/2027	Recorded	Active	
S097	Ealing	Selective	Part-borough	Designation 2 wards	03/01/2023	02/01/2028	03/01/2023	02/01/2028	Recorded	Active	
S098	Haringey	Selective	Part-borough	Coverage to confirm	17/11/2022	16/11/2027	17/11/2022	16/11/2027	Recorded	Active	
S099	Harrow	Selective	Part-borough	Renewed scheme	02/05/2026	01/05/2031	02/05/2026	01/05/2031	Recorded	Active	
S100	Kensington & Chelsea	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory	01/06/2023	31/05/2028	01/06/2023	31/05/2028	Recorded	Active	
S101	Lambeth	Selective	Part-borough	Designation 1 — wards to confirm	02/09/2024	01/09/2029	02/09/2024	01/09/2029	Recorded	Active	
S102	Lambeth	Selective	Part-borough	Designation 2 — wards to confirm	01/09/2025	31/08/2030	01/09/2025	31/08/2030	Recorded	Active	
S103	Lewisham	Selective	Part-borough	Coverage to confirm	01/07/2024	30/06/2029	01/07/2024	30/06/2029	Recorded	Active	
S104	Southwark	Selective	Part-borough	Champion Hill, Faraday, Goose Green, Newington, St Giles	01/03/2022	28/02/2027	01/03/2022	28/02/2027	Recorded	Active	
S105	Merton	Selective	Part-borough	Coverage to confirm	24/09/2023	23/09/2028	24/09/2023	23/09/2028	Recorded	Active	
S106	Westminster	Additional	Borough-wide	All HMOs outside mandatory	30/08/2021	29/08/2026	30/08/2021	29/08/2026	Recorded	Expired	