

# Use Classes Order Guide (England)

## As of Summer 2020



Use	Up to 31 August 2020	From 01 September 2020
Shop not more than 280sqm mostly selling essential goods, including food, and at least 1km from another such facility ('local community')	A1	F.2
Shops (excluding local community)	A1	E
Financial & professional services	A2	E
Restaurants & cafes	A3	E
Drinking establishment	A4	Sui Generis
Hot food takeaways	A5	Sui Generis
Office (other than financial & professional services)	B1(a)	E
Research and development of products or processes	B1(b)	E
Industrial process which can be carried out in any residential area without causing detriment to the amenity of the area	B1(c)	E
General industrial: Not falling within Class B1 (Class E)	B2	B2
Storage and distribution	B8	B8

Use	Up to 31 August 2020	From 01 September 2020
Hotels, boarding and guest houses - where no significant element of care is provided	C1	C1
Residential institutions	C2	C2
Secure residential institutions	C2a	C2a
Dwellinghouses	C3	C3
House in multiple occupation	C4	C4
Clinics, health centres, creches, day nurseries, day centre	D1	E
Schools, non-residential education and training centres, museums, public libraries or public reading room, public halls, exhibition halls, places of worship, law courts	D1	F.1
Cinemas, concert halls, bingo halls and dance halls	D2	Sui Generis
Gymnasiums, indoor recreations not involving motorised vehicles or firearms	D2	E
Hall or meeting place for the principal use of the local community	D2	F.2
Indoor or outdoor swimming baths, skating rinks, and outdoor sports or recreations not involving motorised vehicles or firearms	D2	F.2
Uses that do not fall within any Use Class. Such uses include (but are not limited to): betting offices/shops, pay day loan shops, theatres, larger houses in multiple occupation, hostels providing no significant element of care, scrap yards, petrol filling stations and shops selling and/or displaying motor vehicles, retail warehouse clubs, nightclubs, laundrettes, taxi businesses and casinos	Sui Generis	Sui Generis

This advice note is intended as general guidance to the Use Class regulations in England.

Reference should be made to the appropriate sections of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020 and the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987.

For the purposes of the Use Classes Order, if a building or other land is being used for the purpose of Use Classes A1, A2, A3 or B1 on 31 August 2020, that building or other land is to be treated, on or after 01 September 2020, as if it is being used for a purpose specified within Class E (Commercial, business and service).

Changes of use within the same Use Class are not taken to involve development and therefore do not require planning permission.

Until 31 July 2021, references to Use Classes in the General Permitted Development (England) Order (GPDO) 2015 (as amended) shall be construed as references to the Use Classes which were specified in the Use Class Order on 31 August 2020 (i.e. the previous use classes). Please refer to Rapleys' Use Class Order Guide as of 24 March 2020 for further information relating to permitted development rights.

Transitional arrangements apply to planning applications submitted on or before 31 August 2020. Contact Rapleys' Town Planning Team for further information and clarification.

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