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Providing local authorities with a simple method to manage pavement licensing and allow businesses to operate safely while social distancing measures remain in place.

Rocktime has developed a SaaS (Software as a Service) cloud platform for swift implementation as part of its award winning licensing automation software [verso™](#).

With the UK Government intent on supporting the hospitality industry there is currently new legislation which will enable local authorities to grant a licence to businesses who wish to place removable furniture over certain highways adjacent to their premise(s). The intention is to streamline process to allow businesses to secure these licences in time for the 2020 summer and allow these to remain in place for 3-month, 6-month or year with the option to renew (if the local authority propose to continue the scheme).

The aim is to enable cafes, restaurants and bars to secure a licence to operate safely using social distancing measures and thereby gain much needed income whilst protecting as many hospitality jobs as possible.

The current process for pavement licensing, granted primarily under 7A of the Highways Act 1980, allows for fee variations between local authorities. This new process aims to provide a cheaper and easier way for businesses to obtain a licence and is capped at £100 with a consultation period of 5 working days (unlike the current 28 calendar days).

Rocktime understands that this is a temporary measure to support businesses whilst social distancing measures are in place and its SaaS proposition has been developed as a cost effective proposition for local authorities to manage the licence application process.



Application Process

Rocktime SaaS cloud platform follows the collection of information relating to:

- Specified premise(s) along with the part of the relevant highway to which the application relates.
- Specified purpose (or purposes) for which the furniture will be used which must be to sell or serve food or drink, and/or for use by other people for the consumption of food or drink.
- Specified days of the week on which, and the hours between which, it is proposed to have furniture use of the premise(s)
- Described type of furniture to which the application relates, e.g. tables, chairs, and/or stalls
- Specified date on which the application is made
- Supported by evidence of public liability insurance in respect of anything to be done pursuant to the licence as the local authority may require; and
- Accompanied by such other information or material as a local authority may require

With an easy to use online application structure and workflow automation system, verso SaaS cloud platform will provide a low-cost solution that will save time and allow frontline staff to focus on application processing, prevention and enforcement.

Key Features:

- Automated intelligent online process with data validation
- Staggered application process with 'Resume' function
- Interested parties & representations
- Full reporting function
- Automatic draft and final licence production

Key Benefits:

- Out the box turn key solution
- No more paper forms
- Standalone cloud-based system
- Smarter Case Management
- Complete/ validated Applications
- Mandatory Evidence Upload
- Reduced Admin Workload
- Onus Back on The Applicant
- 3, 6, 12-month Renewal process

Tiered Licensing Model

The tiered licensing model allows local authorities to select the tiered solution that best fits with their anticipated demand, with the ability to change tier once the limit has been reached based on:

Tier 1*	0 - 50 applications processed**	£2,350.00 +VAT
Tier 2*	51 - 150 applications processed**	£3,250.00 + VAT
Tier 3*	151 - 300 applications processed**	£4,100.00 + VAT
Tier 4*	unlimited applications processed	£4,700.00 + VAT

* per year charge (if continued) with increased licences moving to new tier generating the cost difference as and when necessary.

** resets each year.

Deployment estimated at 2 weeks from order (confirmed during initial local authority engagement). Rocktime is committed to track government legislation as it relates to local authorities with a continual motivation to identify opportunity to deliver tangible benefit and value for similar licensing requirements.

Rocktime is a product-led software development company in its 20th year of trading having supported local authorities with cloud software, digital transformation and digital strategy. With a passion for harnessing the power of technology for use by our public sector clients we've developed rewarding long-term business relationships and won accolades along the way for a partner approach to delivering excellence.

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