

Stage Hypnotism Authorisation

Do I need a licence to give an exhibition, demonstration or performance of hypnotism?

Yes. You need to comply with the Hypnotism Act 1952 (as amended). This requires that you obtain authorisation from the licensing authority if you are giving an exhibition, demonstration or performance of hypnotism:

- on any person
- or in connection with entertainment to which the public are admitted, whether by payment or otherwise.

A separate application must be made by the person who will be carrying out the act of hypnotism for each premises/venue they intend to be used.

How to apply

Complete a Hypnotist application form for each venue and return it to the Licensing Section, Charnwood Borough Council, Southfield Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 2TX. The application form is also required to be signed by the individual responsible for management of the venue, prior to submission, to ensure that the venue are aware of the necessary conditions.

The applicant must at the same time forward a copy of the application to the Police Licensing Section, Mansfield House, 74 Belgrave Gate, Leicester, LE1 3GG, or licensing@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk The Licensing Authority may also consult with Leicestershire Fire Authority and Public Health if it considers this is necessary.

Applications should be submitted at least 28 days before the performance, otherwise the application may not be determined in time.

It takes approximately four weeks to process a hypnotism application. No hypnotism activities can take place until your application has been approved.

There is no Fee for a hypnotist authorisation.