

# Use Classes Order 2005

A one stop guide to the order (England)

<b>TCPA use classes order 2005</b> <small>(EFFECTIVE 21ST APRIL 2005)</small>	<b>Use / Description of development</b>	<b>Permitted change</b>
<b>A1</b> Shops	Retail sale of goods to the public – Shops, Post Offices, Travel Agencies & Ticket Agencies, Hairdressers, Funeral Director & Undertakers, Domestic Hire Shops, Dry Cleaners, Sandwich Bars - Sandwiches or other cold food purchased and consumed off the premises, Internet Cafes.	No Permitted Change
<b>A2</b> Financial & Professional Services	Financial Services - Banks, Building Societies and Bureau de Change. Professional Services (Other than Health or Medical Services) - Estate Agents & Employment Agencies. Other Services - Betting Shops. Principally where services are provided to visiting members of the public.	A1 (where there is a ground floor display window)
<b>A3</b> Restaurants & Cafes	Restaurants and Cafés - Use for the sale of food for consumption on the premises. Excludes Internet Cafes (now A1).	A1 or A2
<b>A4</b> Drinking Establishments	Use as a Public House, Wine-Bar or other Drinking Establishment.	A1, A2 or A3
<b>A5</b> Hot Food Takeaway	Use for the sale of hot food for consumption off the premises.	A1, A2 or A3
<b>B1</b> Business	(a) Offices other than in a use within Class A2 (Financial & Professional Services) (b) Research and Development - Laboratories, Studios (c) Light Industry	B8 (where no more than 235m <sup>2</sup> )
<b>B2</b> General Industrial	General Industry (Other than Classified as in B1). The former 'Special Industrial' Use Classes, B3 - B7, are all now encompassed in the B2 Use Class.	B1 or B8 (B8 limited to 235m <sup>2</sup> )
<b>B8</b> Storage or Distribution	Storage or Distribution Centres - Wholesale Warehouses, Distribution Centres & Repositories.	B1 (where no more than 235m <sup>2</sup> )
<b>C1</b> Hotels	Hotels, Boarding Houses & Guest Houses. Development falls within this class if 'no significant element of care is provided'.	No Permitted Change
<b>C2</b> Residential Institutions	Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Residential Education and Training Centres. Use for the provision of residential accommodation and care to people in need of care.	No Permitted Change
<b>C3</b> Dwellinghouses	Dwellings for individuals, families or not more than six people living together as a single household. Not more than six people living together includes - students or young people sharing a dwelling and small group homes for disabled or handicapped people living together in the community.	No Permitted Change
<b>D1</b> Non-Residential Institutions	Medical & Health Services - Clinics & Health Centres, Crèche, Day Nursery, Day Centres & Consulting Rooms (not attached to the Consultants or Doctors house), Museums, Public Libraries, Art Galleries, Exhibition Halls, Non-residential Education and Training Centres, Places of Worship, Religious Instruction & Church Halls.	No Permitted Change
<b>D2</b> Assembly & Leisure	Cinemas, Dance and Concert Halls, Sports Halls, Swimming Baths, Skating Rinks, Gymnasiums, Bingo Halls & Casinos. Other Indoor and Outdoor Sports and Leisure Uses, not involving motorised vehicles or firearms.	No Permitted Change
<b>Sui generis</b> (see footnote)	For example: Retail Warehouse Clubs, Amusement Arcades, Laundrettes, Petrol Filling Stations, Taxi Businesses, Car/Vehicle Hire Businesses & the Selling and Displaying of Motor Vehicles, Nightclubs, Theatres, Hostels, Builders Yards, Garden Centres.	No Permitted Change (See Footnote)

**Footnote:** - Whilst the most commonly found uses are contained within the 1987 Use Classes Order, there are many uses that are not specifically categorised by the four main use classes. These uses are classified as sui generis. We have tried to illustrate some of the sui generis uses in the above table, but they are not intended to be exhaustive. Sui generis uses are their own specific use and planning permission is normally required for any change of use.

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