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General Information	
Ministerial Decision Type	Miscellaneous
Report Title	Public Health & Safety (Rented Dwellings)(Licensing)(Jersey) Regulations 2023
Minister	Environment
Signatory	Minister
Lead Department	Infrastructure, Housing and Environment (IHE)
Lead Directorate	Regulation (IHE)
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Report and Supplemental Report Details	
Report Author	Regulation Standards Manager – Housing and Nuisance
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	Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Jersey) Law 2018
Associated Law(s) and/or Subordinate Legislation	Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings)(Minimum Standards) (Jersey) Order 2018
	Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulation 2023
Action required if recommendation agreed	Department to take necessary action.
Resource Implications	There are no new financial and/or manpower implications.

#### Introduction

Further to the decision of the States Assembly (P40.2023 refers), the Minister is required to confirm the fee to be charged. Additionally, it is recommended that the Minister confirm the manner in which an application for a licence can be made.

#### Detail

Application Information

Article 2 (3) states:

"The Minister must prepare and publish information setting out the following -

- (a) the manner in which an application for a licence is to be made;
- (b) the information required to be contained in the application;
- (c) the further information, if any, the Minister may require in relation to the application."

#### Fee

Article 2 (4) states

"The Minister may impose fees for the issue of a licence and, if fees are imposed, they must be published."

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Minister confirm:

- a) applications for a licence are made via gov.je and the information contained in the application include:
  - i. The address of the rented dwelling to be licenced
  - ii. The name and contact information of the owner and person in control of the dwelling; and
  - iii. Declaration that the owner is aware of their obligations under the Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Jersey) Law 2018.
- b) There will be a £60 fee per licence, that would be for a 2-year period, as per proposition P.40/2023. This should be implemented as a one fee, per licence approach.

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### **Rent Safe**

The purpose and intent of regulations for Rented Dwelling Licencing holds the same effect as the existing scheme for Rent Safe. In effect, the Rent Safe Scheme will be superseded by Rented Dwelling Licencing and as such it is recommended to the Minister to confirm the end date of Rent Safe as of 31 March 2024.