

## Issue 20 – April 2012: New version of the Licensing Standards

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### Introduction

A new version of the Gangmasters Licensing Authority's Licensing Standards has been published and will be in force from 1 May 2012. The new Standards are available to download from the GLA website: [www.gla.defra.gov.uk](http://www.gla.defra.gov.uk).

Please contact us if you would like a hard copy on 0845 602 5020 or email [licensing@gla.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@gla.gsi.gov.uk)

The Licensing Standards set out the conditions to be complied with in order to be granted and keep a GLA licence. They have been updated following a review over the last few months. Please make sure you read and understand these new Standards. They will replace the April 2009 version.

### What is changing?

The new Licensing Standards are very similar to the current version. The key changes are:

- The Authority's policy of automatically refusing applications where someone has previously been found not fit and proper now includes failures against Standards 3.1 and, where forced labour issues have been identified, Standards 3.2 and 3.3,
- Licensing Standard 5.7, which concerns discrimination, has been updated to better reflect the Equality Act 2010,
- Licensing Standard 6.4 is clearer that any vehicle used to transport workers must have appropriate insurance, and
- Licensing Standard 1.4 is clearer on what changes in details must be notified to the GLA.

GLA inspections from 1 May 2012 will be against the new Standards. Inspections up to that date will continue to be against the 2009 version of the Standards.

If you would like any help or guidance, more information is available on the GLA website, [www.gla.defra.gov.uk](http://www.gla.defra.gov.uk).

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