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Anyone other than a statutory undertaker who needs to excavate or place or maintain equipment or pipe work / cables within the highway must be in possession of a [section 50 street works licence](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1991/22/section/50) (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1991/22/section/50>).

Application for a street works licence

You can apply online by using the links below:

- > [apply to place portable traffic lights on the road](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-licence/occupation-of-the-road-in-connection-with-building-work/peterborough/apply-2) (<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-licence/occupation-of-the-road-in-connection-with-building-work/peterborough/apply-2>)
(<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-licence/occupation-of-the-road-in-connection-with-building-work/peterborough/apply-2>)
- > [apply to temporarily close a road](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-licence/occupation-of-the-road-in-connection-with-building-work/peterborough/apply-3) (<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-licence/occupation-of-the-road-in-connection-with-building-work/peterborough/apply-3>)

The following criteria must be considered when the application is being evaluated:

- > does the applicant or contractor have at least £5,000,000 public liability insurance
- > is the proposed works on highway land
- > has the form been signed by the applicant
- > are suitably qualified personnel being used to carry out the works
- > a site meeting is required to check the traffic management required to do the works (this is done after the application has been received).

Once a licence has been granted the applicant takes on the responsibility of a statutory undertaker and is responsible for the maintenance of the work for 2 to 3 years, dependent on the depth of excavation. Please refer to the guidance notes within the application pack for more information.

Fees

The following fees are payable to Peterborough City Council on or before the grant of a licence:

- > (a) £160 in respect of the legal and administration costs incurred by the Authority in granting this Licence
- > (b) £195 (being the commuted sum) in respect of the costs to be incurred by the Authority in administering this Licence; and
- > (c) a sum being £75 for every 200 metres, or part thereof, in length of the street as shall be affected by the placing of the apparatus in respect of the Authority's costs in inspecting the said works.

Thus for a licence the standard minimum fee is £430.

For every 200m, or part thereof, over and above a length of 200m, a further cost of £75 is payable.

Qualifying criteria

- > The applicant or contractor must have public liability insurance to a minimum of £5,000,000, and
- > must use a suitable contractor or be suitably qualified under [The New Roads And Street Works Act 1991](#)

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1991/22/contents>) to work in the highway.

Will tacit consent apply?

No. It is in the public interest that the authority must process your application before it can be granted. If you have not heard from the local authority within a reasonable period please contact us. You can do this using the contact details below.

Failed application redress

Any applicant who is refused a licence can appeal in writing to Peterborough City Council Street Works Team by emailing streetworks@peterborough.gov.uk.

Licence holder redress

Any licence holder who wishes to appeal against a condition attached to their licence can appeal in writing to Peterborough City Council Street Works Team by emailing streetworks@peterborough.gov.uk.