

Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

1. From 1 July 1965, under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964, no person may carry on business as a scrap metal dealer unless he is registered by the Council. Scrap metal dealers who:
 - a) occupy a scrap metal store in the Council's area; or
 - b) have their place of residence in the area; or
 - c) occupy a place in the area wholly or partly for the purpose of their business

may apply to the Council for registration by furnishing the required particulars of the attached form. The act provides that any person who carries on business as a scrap metal dealer without being registered is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding £1000 (Level 3).

2. The Act further provides that every scrap metal dealer shall, at each place occupied by him as a scrap metal store, keep a book showing particulars of:
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 - a) all scrap metal received at that place, and
 - b) all scrap metal either process at, or despatched from, that place.

The dealer may, at his option, keep two books, one containing the particulars required for (a) and another with the particulars required for (b). Printing and bound books with spaces for entering the prescribed particulars may be obtained from the Local Government Publishers.

4. Where a scrap metal dealer satisfies the Council that he carries on, or proposes to carry on the business of scrap metal dealer as part of the business of an itinerant collector¹ and not otherwise, the Council may take an order directing that he shall be exempt from keeping the book(s) mentioned in paragraph 2 above but instead shall obtain and keep for production to authorised persons receipts for the sale of scrap metal to purchasers showing the weight and price of the scrap metal comprised in the sale.
5. A dealer who does not carry on business from a scrap metal store and who is not exempt from keeping the book(s) mentioned in paragraph 2 above must keep the book(s) at his usual place of residence or at any other place occupied by him wholly or partly for the purposes of his business as a scrap metal dealer. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act relating to the keeping of records may result, on conviction in a fine not exceeding £1000 (Level 3).
6. The acquisition of any scrap metal from a person apparently under the age of 16, whether offered by that person on his own behalf or on behalf of another, is an offence under the Act and subject on conviction to a fine not exceeding £200 (Level 1).
7. These notes are no more than a brief summary of some of the main provisions of the Act and should not be read instead of the statute itself.

¹ "Itinerant collector" means a person regularly engaged in collecting waste materials, and old, broken, worn out or defaced articles, by means of visits from house to house.