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Dear Sir/Madam,

**COVID-19/Coronavirus
Additional and Selective Licensing Scheme, 6th April 2020**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the application and compliance period for the licensing scheme has been lengthened to 6 July 2020. The online application portal will remain open should landlords still wish to submit an application before 6 July 2020.

Please note that the start date currently remains as 6 April 2020, however no enforcement action will be considered for non-compliance between 6 April and 6 July 2020. This date will be under continuous review as the COVID-19 pandemic develops.

These changes have been made to help minimise the risk and spread of the virus, and to support landlords and managing agents in this unprecedented time.

Please ensure that government guidance is followed when carrying out any compliance works or obtaining certification to accompany an application. Should the impact of coronavirus mean you are unable to comply by this date please contact propertylicensing@newcastle.gov.uk.

We are aware that many landlords and agents will be struggling financially as a result of coronavirus. Should you be financially unable to pay for the licence please email propertylicensing@newcastle.gov.uk and we will discuss the options that are available to you.

If you have any concerns regarding the continued day to day management of your property, or tenant arrears as a result of coronavirus please contact privaterentedservice@newcastle.gov.uk for advice and support.

A frequently asked questions document is available at www.newcastle.gov.uk/propertylicensing. This has been updated to provide additional information on the changes for compliance with the licensing schemes.

Yours Faithfully



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