



Nottinghamshire
County Council

Business Information

Displaying accommodation prices in hotels and guesthouses

The Tourism (Sleeping Accommodation Price Display) Order 1977 applies to all hotels, guesthouses and similar establishments with at least four letting rooms or eight beds. It requires a notice indicating prices to be displayed in a prominent position at the entrance or in the reception area.

What prices must be displayed?

The notice must show the current prices payable per night for one person for:

- A bedroom for one adult
- A bedroom for two adults
- Any other type of bed for an adult – stating if it is in a dormitory or room shared with other guests.

If your prices are not standard throughout the hotel for each category you can put the lowest and highest price for each type of room.

What must prices include?

Prices displayed must include:

- Service charges – the notice must make it clear that a service charge is included.
- VAT where it is payable – the notice must make it clear that VAT is included. If most of your trade is with business customers you can show prices excluding VAT as long as you either:
 - ◆ Display VAT inclusive prices with equal prominence, or
 - ◆ Display a prominent statement of the VAT payable (in money terms).

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What must prices include? (continued)...

If you only provide accommodation inclusive of meals, the notice must make this clear, and the meals must be identified.

You can include other information on the notice, as long as it does not detract from the above information.

This leaflet is a brief summary of the law regarding the display of prices in hotels and guesthouses. It is not an authoritative document on the law and is only intended for guidance. For further details or clarification please contact the Trading Standards Service.



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