

## Guide to Use Classes Order

The Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Amendment) (England) Order 2010.

Use Classes (Amendment) Order 2005	Description	General Permitted Development (Amendment) Order 2005
<b>A1</b> Shops	The retail sale of goods to the public, including shops, retail warehouses, hairdressers, undertakers, travel agencies, post offices, dry cleaners, pet shops, sandwich bars and internet cafes etc.  Showrooms, domestic hire shops, funeral directors.	No permitted change
<b>A2</b> Financial and professional services	Banks, building societies, estate and employment agencies.  Professional and financial services, betting offices.	Permitted change to A1 Where a ground floor display window exists
<b>A3</b> Restaurants and cafes	Restaurants, snack bars and cafes.	Permitted change to A1 or A2
<b>A4</b> Drinking establishments	Public houses and bars.	Permitted change to A1, A2 or A3
<b>A5</b> Hot food take-aways	Take-aways.	Permitted change to A1, A2 or A3
<b>Sui Generis</b>	Shops selling and / or displaying motor vehicles, retail warehouse clubs, launderettes, taxi or vehicle hire businesses, amusements centres, petrol filling stations.	No permitted change
<b>B1</b> Business	a) Offices, not within A2 b) Research and development, studios, laboratories, high tech c) Light industry	Permitted change to B8 Where no more than 235 square metres of floor
<b>B2</b> General industry	General industry	Permitted change to B1 or B8 B8 limited to no more than 235 square metres of floor
<b>B8</b> Storage or distribution	Wholesale warehouse, distribution centres, repositories.	Permitted change B1 Where no more than 235 square metres of floor

<b>C1</b> Hotels	Hotels, boarding and guest houses.	No permitted change
<b>C2</b> Residential Institutions	Residential schools and colleges. Hospitals and convalescent / nursing homes.	No permitted change
<b>C2A</b> Secure Residential Institutions	Use for the provision of secure residential accommodation, including use as a prison, young offenders institution, detention centre, secure training centre, custody centre, short-term holding centre, secure hospital, secure local authority accommodation or use as military barracks.	No permitted change
<b>C3</b> Dwelling houses	Use as a dwelling house (whether or not as a sole or main residence) by – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a single person or by people to be regarded as forming a single household;</li> <li>b) not more than six residents living together as a single household where no care is provided for residents; or</li> <li>c) not more than six residents living together as a single household where no care is provided to residents (other than a use within Class C4). Interpretation of Class C3.</li> </ul> <p>For the purpose of Class C3(a) 'single household' shall be construed in accordance with section 258 of the Housing Act 2004(3)'. </p>	Permitted change to C4
<b>C4</b> Houses of Multiple Occupancy	Use of dwelling house by not more than six residents as a 'house in multiple occupation'. Interpretation of Class C4. For the purposes of Class C4 a 'house in multiple occupation' does not include a converted block of flats to which section 257 of the Housing Act 2004 applies but otherwise has the same meaning as in section 254 of the Housing Act 2004.	Permitted change to C3
<b>Sui Generis</b>	Hostel	No permitted change
<b>D1</b> None residential institutions	Places of worship, church halls. Clinics, health centres, crèches, day nurseries, consulting room. Museums, public halls, libraries, art galleries, exhibition halls, law courts. Non-residential education and training centres	No permitted change
<b>D2</b> Assembly and leisure	Cinemas, music and concert halls. Dance and sports halls, swimming baths, skating rinks, gymnasium. Other indoor and outdoor sports and leisure users, bingo halls.	No permitted change
<b>Sui Generis</b>	Theatres, night clubs, amusements, arcades, bingo halls and casinos.	No permitted change Permitted change to D2