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# BEST BAR NONE 2010 - THE GUIDE -

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**Best Bar None is an annual award scheme for bars, pubs and clubs.** Led by Safe Newcastle, the scheme recognises and rewards high standards in licensed premises.

### **What's it all about?**

The main aim of the scheme is for licensed premises to work in partnership with the authorities, including the police, the council and fire service, to make Newcastle a safer city to live, work, visit and socialise. The scheme works by promoting and encouraging best practice and rewarding venues who achieve high standards.

The scheme is based on the licensing objectives:

- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Protection of children from harm

### **Categories**

Categories in 2010 are:

- Pub
- Bar
- Club
- Local Pub

Please visit [www.newcastlebestbarnone.co.uk](http://www.newcastlebestbarnone.co.uk) for more information on these exciting new categories.

## How it works

Once we receive your forms, we mark it based on the scoring process below:

The scoring process is divided into essential, desirable and bonus. You must meet all the essential criteria to gain accreditation as this is the minimum standard.

### Essential criteria

Essential areas include using Incident Logs, etc. The essential criterion is quite straightforward and shouldn't cause you any problems.

### Desirable criteria

The desirable criterion is good practice that can earn you extra points. Examples include using clickers to measure your capacity.

### Bonus criteria

Premises that go the extra mile can achieve bonus points. This can be unique policies and procedures you have in place such as giving out lollipops at the end of the evening to reduce noise from your clients leaving. If you support charities or support the local community, tell us about it as they could gain you bonus points.

The points are all added up and the top five scoring venues in each of the categories will be shortlisted for special awards.

Your premises will be visited by trained Best Bar none assessors (at a pre arranged time). After this, there will be a follow up visit by the same inspector, to ensure you are carrying out the measures described in your application form and during the first assessment visit. Your score will then determined by the assessors.

Full feedback and helpful advice from these visits will be made available to applicants.

If you meet our minimum standard, you will be given the Best Bar None seal of approval. This means that you have been fully vetted by the authorities and have proven to them that you operate to a high standard of excellence.

### What's in it for you?

- The opportunity to prove that you run a safe and responsible licensed premises to a high standard
- The chance to play your part in creating a safer city
- To prove that you are serious about working in partnership with the relevant authorities
- Publicity – we will promote accredited venues
- An outdoor plaque to display to customers
- The use of the Best Bar None logo on all your promotional material
- The top scoring venues will be shortlisted for special awards

### How to take part

Application forms are available from the Community Safety Unit on 0191 277 7842 or email [joe.hogan@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:joe.hogan@newcastle.gov.uk) You can also download application forms from [www.newcastlebestbarnone.co.uk](http://www.newcastlebestbarnone.co.uk)

### How the scheme works

1	<b>Application forms</b> Licensees complete and application form and return it to the Community Safety Unit, with a cheque for £35 made payable to Newcastle City Council.	<b>Deadline 31 January 2010</b>
2	<b>Inspection visits</b> Two Best Bar None Inspectors will visit your premises during March and April. The initial visits are pre-arranged, so you will know when to expect us. The follow up visit will be unannounced.	Feb-April 2010
3	<b>Accreditation</b> Venues that meet our high standards will be given a plaque to display outside their premises.	April 2010
5	<b>Judging</b> The top five scoring venues in each of the categories will be shortlisted for special awards which will be decided by our panel of judges.	May 2010
6	<b>Awards Ceremony</b> We will hold an awards ceremony to announce our winners. The ceremony will be held in the Civic Centre, Newcastle.	May 2010

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