

# Minimum pricing of alcohol in Wales

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*Centres and trainers offering the APLH qualification across England and Wales should be aware of a new minimum pricing requirement under the Public Health (Minimum Price for Alcohol) (Wales) Act 2018.*

*Although this only applies in Wales and will not affect current examinations, information about minimum pricing should be given to learners. Relevant details will be added to the Highfield APLH course book when it is next revised.*

**As from 2 March 2020 a minimum unit price (MUP) of 50p will be introduced in Wales.**

This means that it will be an offence for personal licence holders to sell, supply or authorise the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on or off licensed premises in Wales at a selling price below the applicable minimum price. It also applies to alcohol supplies made on club premises and alcohol sales made under a temporary event notice.

The maximum penalty if found guilty of selling alcohol in Wales below the MUP is currently £1,000. There is a defence if reasonable steps were taken and due diligence exercised to avoid committing the offence.

## **How to calculate the minimum price at which alcohol can be sold**

Use the following formula:

**M** (50p / £0.50) x **S** (strength abv) x **V** (volume in litres)

For example, the minimum price of a 3 litre bottle of cider with an ABV of 6% is £9.00

$(0.50 \times 6 \times 3 = 9)$

## **Implementation**

Personal licence holders must check the price of all alcoholic products to ensure compliance. Where a product is on sale for above the minimum price, no change is needed. However, if the current price is below the minimum price, it must be increased, or the product removed from sale before 2 March 2020.

Personal licence holders authorising others to make alcohol sales should ensure that members of staff understand how to implement the new law.

Further information, examples and guidance on implementation are available from the Welsh government <https://gov.wales/implementing-law-minimum-pricing-alcohol-mup>

This document is for training purposes only and should not be relied upon by those implementing MUP on licensed premises. Where there is any doubt, legal advice should be sought.

***-End of briefing document-***