

Get ready for the new Scrap Metal Dealers Act!

The new Scrap Metal Dealers Act comes into force across England and Wales on 1 October this year, bringing a series of changes to the metal recycling industry. As the UK trade association, the BMRA is helping to prepare you for the new system with minimal disruption from the 1 December enforcement date. Here's a step-by-step guide to what you need to do to make sure your business is ready and compliant.

Licences

There are two types of licences available, each valid for three years:

- **Site licence**
- **Collector's licence** (mobile collectors will need licences for every local authority area in which they collect)

NB a licensee can hold only one licence in any local authority area.

How to apply for a licence:

If you are already a registered scrap metal dealer, you can apply to your local authority for a licence from 1 October until 15 October and you will be issued automatically with a temporary licence.

The temporary licence will be valid until 1 December while the council processes your application in full.

Make sure that you apply well before the 15 October deadline because there is no guarantee that applications made after this date will be issued by 1 December.

If you are operating without a new licence after 1 December 2013, you may be issued with a closure order and flouting this could result in an unlimited fine.

This is crucial to minimise disruption to your business!



