This chapter discusses the nature, status, and characteristics of licences; the different types of licences that exist; what makes them distinct from other interests in land law, and how they can be brought to an end. Licences in land arise when the owner of land grants to another person permission to use that land for a given purpose. A licence is therefore a permission to enter or do something on another's land. The person granting the licence is the 'licensor' while the party to whom the licence is granted the 'licensee'. The chapter also introduces to the doctrine of proprietary estoppel — a means by which a person may acquire a proprietary interest in another's land — and the interrelationship between proprietary estoppel and licences is examined.

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