

Factsheet

THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

The Gambling Act 2005 came into force on 1 September 2007 and replaced a number of outdated pieces of legislation to do with betting, gaming and lotteries.

The Act contains three licensing objectives which underpin the whole legislation.

These are:-

1. *Preventing gambling from being a source of crime and disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime.*
2. *Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way.*
3. *Protecting children and other vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling.*

The responsibility for the granting of authorisations in Gloucester for betting, gaming and lotteries is now shared by a new body known as the Gambling Commission and the City Council in its role as the Licensing Authority.

Under the Act there are three different types of licence:-

1. Operating Licence (issued by the Gambling Commission to Gambling businesses)
2. Personal Licence (issued by the Gambling Commission to those who are either in a senior managerial position or who have an ability to affect the outcome of the gambling e.g. croupiers)
3. Premises Licence (issued by the Licensing Authority for gambling establishments within its area)

For details about Operating and Personal Licences contact the Gambling Commission at www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk.

PREMISES LICENCE

The Act allows for 6 types of premises licence.

1. Casino
2. Bingo
3. Betting (track)
4. Betting (other)
5. Adult Gaming Centre (category B, C and D Gaming Machines)
6. Family Entertainment Centres (Category C and D Gaming Machines)

If you intend to run any of the above types of business from a premise you will require a Premises Licence from the Licensing Authority and an Operating Licence from the Gambling Commission.

NB: Gloucester is not currently on the Government's approved list for casinos.

Only one Premises Licence may be issued for any particular premises at any one time although the licence may authorise more than one type of gambling. (There is an exemption for tracks)

A Premises Licence may be obtained for passenger vessels such as pleasure boats and floating restaurants but not for vehicles.

Further information on Premise Licences and application details is attached.

In addition to Premises Licences there are 5 types of permits which may be required for other premises.

1. Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centre (Category D Gaming Machines only)
2. Club Gaming Machine
3. Club Gaming
4. Alcohol Licensed Premises Gaming Machine
5. Prize Gaming

For further information about permits and application details please *click here*

GAMING MACHINES

Gaming Machines are categorised as follows:-

Category of machine	Maximum "stake"	Maximum prize
A	Unlimited	Unlimited
B1	£5	£10,000 *
B2	£2	£500
B3	£2	£500
B3A	£2	£500
B4	£2	£400
C	£1	£100
D	10p money prize 30p non-money prize	£5 money prize £8 non-money prize
D	10p combined money and non-money prize (other than a coin pusher or penny falls machine)	£8 (of which no more than £5 may be a money prize)
D	20p Combined money and non-money prize (coin pusher or penny falls machine)	£20 (of which no more than £10 may be a money prize)

*with option of maximum £20,000 linked progressive jackpot on premises basis only.

The number and category of Gaming Machines allowable is dependant on the type of premises where they are to be provided.

Premises type	Permissions
Regional Casino (table / machine ratio of 25-1 up to maximum)	Maximum of 1250 machines. Any combinations of machines in categories A to D , within the total limit of 1250 (subject to table ratio) not to include B3A
Large Casino (table / machine ratio of 5-1 up to maximum)	Maximum of 150 machines. Any combination of machines in categories B to D , within the total limit of 150 (subject to table ratio) not to include B3A
Small Casino (table / machine ratio of 2-1 up to maximum)	Maximum of 80 machines. Any combination of machines in categories B to D , within the total limit of 80 (subject to table ratio) not to include B3A
Pre 2005 Act Casinos (no table / machine ratio)	Maximum of 20 machines, categories B to D or C or D machines instead not to include B3A
Betting premises and tracks occupied by Pool Betting	Maximum of 4 machines, categories B2 to D not to include B3A
Bingo Premises	Maximum of 20% of the total number of gaming machines which are available for use on the premises categories B3 or B4* No limit on C or D machines
Adult Gaming Centre	Maximum of 20% of the total number of gaming machines which are available for use on the premises categories B3 or B4* No limit on C or D machines
Family Entertainment Centre (with premise licence)	No limit on category C or D machines.
Family Entertainment Centre (with permit)	No limit on category D machines.
Clubs or Miners' Institutes with permits	Maximum of 3 machines in categories B3A, B4, C and D
Qualifying Alcohol Licensed Premises	1 or 2 machines of category C or D automatic upon notification.
Qualifying Alcohol Licensed Premises with Gaming Machine Permits	Number specified on the permit.
Travelling Fair	No limit on category D machines.

*AGC/Bingo premises are entitled to make available a number of category B3/B4 gaming machines not exceeding 20% of the total number of gaming machines which are available for use on the premises.

AGC/Bingo premises in existence before 13 July 2011 are entitled to make available four category B3/B4 gaming machines in respect of AGCs and eight in respect of Bingo premises, or 20% of the total number of gaming machines, whichever is the greater.

AGC/Bingo premises licences granted on or after 13 July 2011 but before 1 April 2014 are entitled to a maximum of four category B3/B4 gaming machines in respect of AGCs and eight in respect of Bingo premises, or 20% of the total number of gaming machines, whichever is the greater; from 1 April 2014 these premises will be entitled to 20% of the total number of gaming machines only.