

Fee and licence changes from 1 August 2009

July 2009

1 Introduction

- 1.1** Following the joint consultation by the Gambling Commission (the Commission) and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) on proposals for Commission fees, Ministers have agreed changes to the application, annual and variation fees payable in a number of licence types and categories. The planned fee increases are introduced by statutory instrument which was laid on 9 July 2009 and, following Parliamentary process, are intended to come into force on 1 August 2009.
- 1.2** In addition to the introduction of revised arrangements for operators who provide facilities for a remote casino, remote bingo and remote betting on virtual events, there are additional changes to fee bandings and for calculating working days for on-course greyhound bookmakers. A new fee arrangement is introduced for off-course bookmakers who do not provide gaming machines on their licensed betting premises.
- 1.3** A summary of the changes is listed overleaf. Each licence holder will receive notice of the change to the annual fee in writing from the Commission. Any operator who considers the changes detailed below will alter their licence category or type should contact the Commission by calling (0121) 230 6666 or emailing info@gamblingcommission.gov.uk

2 Changes to fees

- 2.1** The operator licence application fees from 1 August 2009 are recorded overleaf. Application fees have been reduced by 5% to reflect increased efficiency. Two new licence types have been introduced (more details overleaf).

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Operating licence type	Licence application fees from 1 August 2009 (£)											
	Non-Remote					Remote						
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
Casino 2005 Act	28,641	37,591				2,933	7,169	11,274	16,551	26,641	37,591	63,671
Casino 1968 Act	6,509	9,763	19,528	19,528	19,528							
Bingo	977	1,627	3,255	17,087	20,504	2,933	7,169	11,274	16,551	26,641	37,591	63,671
General betting – standard ¹	977	977	3,417	17,087	40,032							
General Betting-Standard virtual events						2,933	7,169	11,274	16,551	26,641	37,591	63,671
General Betting-Standard real events						3,259	7,169	16,274	19,551	28,641		
General betting – limited	178	355	979			593						
Pool betting	651	1627	4,822			651	1,627	4,882	4,882	4,882		
Betting intermediary	198	198	198			6,346	13,018	16,274	19,551	28,641		
Betting intermediary (trading rooms)						593	977	1,627				
Gaming machine general AGC	977	977	1,627	4,882	16,274							
Gaming machine general FEC	977	977	1,627	4,882	16,274							
Gaming machine technical: full	977	1,627	16,274			977	1,627	16,274				
Gaming machine technical: supplier	977	1,627	4,882			977	1,627	4,882				
Gaming machine technical: software	977	4,882	16,274			977	4,882	16,274				
Gambling software	977	4,882	16,274			6,346	13,018	16,274				
External Lottery Manager	977	1,627	2,278			977	1,627	2,278				
Society lottery	163	244	325			163	244	325				

¹ General betting standard operators who do not make gaming machines available should see 4.3 below

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Operating licence type	Annual licence fees from 1 August 2009 (£)											
	Non-Remote					Remote						
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
Casino 2005 Act	51,877	108,132				3,188	9,563	13,529	38,128	74,012	117,746	155,425
Casino 1968 Act	17,378	23,112	74,112	329,711	443,526							
Bingo	1,646	7,413	17,914	39,928	87,127	3,188	9,563	13,529	38,128	74,012	117,746	155,425
General betting – standard ²	1,646	7,413	17,914	41,124	236,927							
General Betting-Standard virtual events						3,188	9,563	13,529	38,128	74,012	117,746	155,425
General Betting- Standard real events						13,529	38,128	74,012	117,746	155,425		
General betting - limited	200	467	1,346			1,594						
Pool betting	2,222	4,277	4,338			1,594	38,128	74,012	117,746	155,425		
Betting intermediary	280	4,277	4,338			13,529	38,128	74,012	117,746	155,425		
Betting intermediary (trading rooms)						1,594	6,765	19,063				
Gaming machine general AGC	1,638	6,771	13,736	29,550	41,124							
Gaming machine general FEC	1,097	4,905	9,950	23,749	39,928							
Gaming machine technical: full	3,102	6,625	15,183			6,765	19,063	37,006				
Gaming machine technical: supplier	1,258	3,397	4,338			6,765	19,063	37,006				
Gaming machine technical: software	1,608	4,044	6,575			6,765	19,063	37,006				
Gambling software	1,608	4,044	6,575			6,765	19,063	37,006				
External Lottery Manager	2,075	2,368	2,700			6,765	19,063	37,006				
Society lottery	348	692	1,458			348	692	1,458				

2.2 The operator licence annual fees from 1 August 2009 are recorded above. Changes to fees from 2008/09 to 2009/10 are coloured black. Fees that are unchanged are coloured orange.

2.3 From 1 August 2009 the fees charged for varying an operating licence due to a change in corporate control will be reduced by 5%.

² General betting standard operators who do not make gaming machines available should see 4.3 below

3 New types of licence

- 3.1 A new remote licence type will be available for operators who provide facilities for remote betting on the outcome of a virtual game, race or other event or process. This licence type is known as *General betting standard (virtual events only)*. For clarity the previous remote licence type, *General betting standard*, will now be known as *General betting standard (real events)*.
- 3.2 Betting operators who in addition to betting on real events such as sports events, offer virtual racing through means of remote communication will now require both a *General betting standard (virtual events)* and a *General betting standard (real events)* licence.
- 3.3 The application and annual fees are outlined on the previous pages. The fee categories for this type of licence will be based on annual gross gambling yield as follows:

Operating licence remote	Category F	Category G	Category H	Category I	Category J	Category K	Category L
General betting standard virtual events	Less than £0.5m	£0.5m or greater, up to but excluding £5m	£5m or greater, up to but excluding £25m	£25m or greater, up to but excluding £100m	£100m or greater, up to but excluding £250m	£250m or greater, up to but excluding £500m	£500m or greater
General betting standard real events	Less than £5.5m	£5.5 m or greater, up to but excluding £110m	£110 m or greater, up to but excluding £220m	£220m or greater, up to but excluding £550m	£550m or greater		

m=million

4 New licence fee categories and changes in banding

- 4.1 The new fees include revised arrangements for calculating working days for *General betting (limited)* licence holders. This is to recognise the anomalous market conditions faced by operators standing at Bookmakers' Afternoon Greyhound Service (BAGS) greyhound meetings staged for broadcast to the off-course betting industry, rather than to satisfy local market demand.
- 4.2 An operator who stands at a meeting televised and shown at a betting premises run by a Commission operating licence holder which starts after 8am and ends before 7pm at, for example, a BAGS meeting, need not count that meeting towards the overall total number of days in determining the appropriate banding for a *General betting (limited)* licence.
- 4.3 The annual fee for general betting standard licence holders in categories A-C who do not provide gaming machines on their licensed betting premises will be held at 2008 levels as below. Application fees for general betting standard licence holders in categories A-C are set at the same level for those providing gaming machines and those who don't.
- 4.4 The annual fees for general betting standard licence holders in categories A-C who do not provide gaming machines on their licensed betting premises are listed below:

Category A	Category B	Category C
1,571	7,077	16,860

- 4.5 All fee bandings that are set with reference to gross gambling yield, gross gaming yield and gross value of sales will be increased by 10% to reflect changes in prices since their original establishment. There has been a 10% increase in the fee bandings for external lottery managers and an anomaly in them has been corrected.

4.6 The revised boundaries between the categories are set out below:

Changes to boundaries between non-remote licence categories						
Operating Licence Type	Unit of Division	A	B	C	D	E
Casino: 1968 Act	Annual gross gambling yield	Less than £5.5m	£5.5m or greater, up to but excluding £27.5m	£27.5m or greater, up to but excluding £110 m	£110m or greater, up to but excluding £275m	£275m or greater
Pool betting	Annual gross gambling yield	Less than £5.5m	£5.5m or greater, up to but excluding £110m	£110m or greater		
Betting Intermediary	Annual gross gambling yield	Less than £5.5m	£5.5m or greater, up to but excluding £110m	£110m or greater		
Gaming Machine Technical: Full	Value of annual gross sales	Less than £550,000	£550,000 or greater, up to but excluding £6.6m	£6.6m or greater		
Gaming Machine Technical: Supplier	Value of annual gross sales	Less than £550,000	£550,000 or greater, up to but excluding £6.6m	£6.6m or greater		
Gaming Machine Technical: Software	Value of annual gross sales	Less than £550,000	£550,000 or greater, up to but excluding £6.6m	£6.6m or greater		
Gambling Software	Value of annual gross sales	Less than £550,000	£550,000 or greater, up to but excluding £6.6m	£6.6m or greater		
External Lottery Manager	Annual proceeds	Less than £550,000	£550,000 or greater, up to but excluding £6.6m	£6.6m or greater		

Changes to boundaries between remote licence categories								
Operating Licence Type	Unit of Division	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
Casino: 2005 Act	Annual gross gambling yield	Less than £0.5m	£0.5m or greater, up to but excluding £5m	£5m or greater, up to but excluding £25m	£25m or greater, up to but excluding £100m	£100m or greater, up to but excluding £250m	£250million or greater, up to but excluding £500m	£500m or greater
Bingo	Annual gross gambling yield	Less than £0.5m	£0.5m or greater, up to but excluding £5m	£5m or greater, up to but excluding £25m	£25m or greater, up to but excluding £100m	£100m or greater, up to but excluding £250m	£250million or greater, up to but excluding £500m	£500m or greater
General Betting: Limited	Annual gross gambling yield	Less than £275,000						
Pool betting	Annual gross gambling yield	Less than £5.5m	£5.5m or greater, up to but excluding £110m	£110m or greater, up to but excluding £220m	£220m or greater, up to but excluding £550m	£550m or greater		
Betting Intermediary	Annual gross gambling yield	Less than £5.5m	£5.5m or greater, up to but excluding £110m	£110m or greater, up to but excluding £220m	£220m or greater, up to but excluding £550m	£550m or greater		

Changes to boundaries between remote licence categories								
Operating Licence Type	Unit of Division	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
Betting Intermediary Trading Room only	Annual gross gambling yield	Less than £550,000	£550,000 or greater, up to but excluding £6.6m	£6.6m or greater				
Gaming Machine Technical: Full	Value of annual gross sales	Less than £550,000	£550,000 or greater, up to but excluding £6.6m	£6.6m or greater				
Gaming Machine Technical: Supplier	Value of annual gross sales	Less than £550,000	£550,000 or greater, up to but excluding £6.6m	£6.6m or greater				
Gaming Machine Technical: Software	Value of annual gross sales	Less than £550,000	£550,000 or greater, up to but excluding £6.6m	£6.6m or greater				
Gambling Software	Value of annual gross sales	Less than £550,000	£550,000 or greater, up to but excluding £6.6m	£6.6m or greater				
External Lottery Manager	Value of annual gross sales	Less than £550,000	£550,000 or greater, up to but excluding £6.6m	£6.6m or greater				

5 Multiple licences

5.1 The discount on annual fees for each licence applied to operators holding multiple licence types will be reduced from 10% to 5% to reflect the actual cost of delivering compliance and enforcement work.

6 Personal licences

6.1 These increases are to reflect increased costs, in particular those relating to processing Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks.

6.2 The changes to personal licence fees, set out in the consultation proposals, will take effect on 11 August 2009. The Personal Functional Licence application fee rises from £165 to £185 and the Personal Management Licence application fee increases from £330 to £370.

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