

## **GAMBLING COMMISSION E-BULLETIN – ISSUE 89**

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### **1. August deadline only two weeks away for section 19 certificate holders**

Time is running out for section 19 certificate holders to ensure they are properly licensed under the Gambling Act 2005.

Employees in the bingo and casino industry who still hold certificates of approval, issued under section 19 of the Gaming Act 1968 (section 19 certificates), must apply for their new personal licence before the end of August in order to guarantee their application is determined by the end of the year. Any existing section 19 certificates will cease to have effect on 31 December 2009.

Increased personal licence fees came into effect on 11 August 2009. The application fee for a personal management licence is now £370 and for a personal functional licence it is £185.

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### **2. Commission seeking views on updated advice on prize competitions and free draws**

The Commission is inviting interested parties to comment on proposed additions to our advice on prize competitions and free draws.

The advice is intended to assist those considering running prize competitions and free draws in complying with gambling law. With the second anniversary of the implementation of the Gambling Act 2005 (the Act) approaching on 1 September, the Commission is expanding its existing advice in the light of experience gained. The revised advice aims to clarify the Commission's general understanding of how the Act applies.

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### **3. Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) appoint new Levy Board Chair**

Minister for Sport Gerry Sutcliffe has announced that Paul Lee has been appointed as the new Chair of the Horserace Betting Levy Board.

The Levy Board is a public body that raises money for the improvement of horseracing and the advancement of veterinary science and education. It does this through collecting a statutory levy from bookmakers.

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