

GAMBLING COMMISSION E-BULLETIN – ISSUE 88

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Welcome to the fortnightly email bulletin from the Gambling Commission (the Commission).

This special e-bulletin comes to you on a Monday to mark the launch of our new website.
www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk

E-bulletin will continue to be delivered to you as normal every other Friday afternoon and any links to the current website will be redirected to the improved homepage.

You have registered on our website to receive news and updates from us, and we issue this e-bulletin at fortnightly intervals to keep you up to date.

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1. Fee and licence changes from 1 August 2009

New fee arrangements will come into effect tomorrow, on **1 August 2009** following a consultation held jointly with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) on fees. The planned changes to operating licence fees, remote general betting licence type, licence categories and banding are introduced by statutory instrument which, following Parliamentary process, is in force from 1 August 2009.

Increased personal licence fees will come into effect on 11 August 2009. The application fees for a personal management licence will be £370 from 11 August 2009 and a personal functional licence will cost £185.

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2. Final phasing out of section 34 permits

DCMS are reminding licensing authorities they should be aware that from 31 July 2009, Category D gaming machines are no longer permitted in general, non-gambling premises such as fish and chip shops, cafes, takeaway premises and mini-cab offices.

Permits for Amusement with Prize (AWP) machines issued by licensing authorities under section 34 of the Gaming Act 1968 ceased to have effect from 31 July 2009. It is therefore an offence for Category D gaming machines to be offered in non-gambling premises, such as those listed above, from that date. This does not apply to clubs, pubs and bars that are permitted to offer Category C and D gaming machines under the Gambling Act 2005.

The Commission has written to gaming machine manufacturers and suppliers to remind them of the change in the law. This will help reduce the scope for compliant licensed operators to make machine placements that are unintentionally illegal. As part of its ongoing compliance programme the Commission will continue to work with local authorities to take action against those who supply illegally-sited machines.

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3. Mystery shopping tests continue

The Commission carries out a rolling programme of mystery shopping exercises as part of its ongoing compliance programme, covering various aspects of social responsibility. In the near future, the Commission will be using this approach to retest those betting operators who previously failed to prevent under age gambling on their premises.

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4. New Commission website live

The improved version of the www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk website is now live. The new website is split more easily into the different gambling sectors following consistent feedback requesting this change. There is also an improved section for licensing authorities. E-bulletin will continue to be delivered to you as normal and any links to the current website will be redirected to the improved homepage.

5. The Gambling Act 2005 (Gaming Tables in Casinos) (Definitions) Regulations 2009

[Regulations](#) making provision in respect of the definition of 'gaming table' for the purposes of section 172(3) to 172(5) of the Gambling Act 2005, and defining the circumstances in which a gaming table is to be treated as being used in a casino for the purposes of these subsections were laid in Parliament on 20 July 2009. The Regulations will come into force on 11 August 2009.

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6. Under-age gambling – National Lottery Commission survey

The National Lottery Commission has published research on levels of gambling by children aged between 12 and 15. The survey of nearly 9,000 children aged between 12 and 15 in England and Wales was conducted by Ipsos MORI and the Centre for the Study of Gambling at the University of Salford.

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