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Welcome to the Gambling Commission's fortnightly newsletter.

Fourth National Lottery licence competition launched

We have launched the competition to award the fourth National Lottery licence.

The National Lottery is one of the world's largest lotteries and the current (third) licence is due to expire in 2023. Since launching in 1994, National Lottery players have collectively raised more than £41 billion for 565,000 good causes across the UK, transforming lives and contributing to the arts, sport, heritage and communities.

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New advertising measures

Following our [AdTech challenge](#) to industry earlier this year the Betting and Gaming Council (BGC) has introduced [new measures](#) aimed at further preventing vulnerable people, including under 18s, from seeing gambling adverts online. The measures are codified in the updated [Gambling Industry Code for Socially Responsible Advertising](#) which, under the licence conditions and codes of practice, all operators should comply with.

All operators are advised to familiarise themselves with these measures which come into effect from October 1. For more information about the BGC measures email info@bettingandgamingcouncil.com

New online service rapidly accelerating Gambling Commission's personal licence maintenance process

We have underlined the success of our new online service which supports licensees to manage and maintain personal licences.

The online service, launched in November 2019 to simplify the personal licence maintenance process, has seen us reduce the processing time of personal licence maintenance applications by 77%, from an average of 53 days to 12 days.

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Identity documents for personal licence applications, maintenance applications and Annex A declarations

We are asking that original identity documents are not sent to our office as Licensing staff continue to work from home.

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Display of licensed status format published

Following a [consultation](#), we will be amending Licence condition 8.1 (Display of Licensed Status) from 31 October 2020. This change will require operators who offer gambling products via remote means to display their licensed status on their websites and mobile applications in a [standard format](#).

We will also be sending out fresh links to our [Public Register](#) of licence holders in October as we roll-out a new public register digital service. This link is to be used by operators when they adopt the new format for display of licensed status.

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Covid-19 – general operator guidance and FAQs

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