

Changes to the Lottery Licensing Regulations

Regulations Before July 2, 2024	Regulations Effective July 2, 2024
Maximum pay out for a single Bingo event is \$1,500 and for a combined event is \$3,000.	Maximum pay out for a single Bingo event is \$2,500 and for a combined event is \$5,000.
Winners of prizes in a ticket lottery shall be advised of the results of the draw by telephone, registered mail, or in person.	Expanded to allow licensees to use email to notify winners of ticket lotteries.
Other than rules for Bingo Lotteries and Ticket Lotteries, there are no requirements about timing of prize pay-out.	The Regulations now require prize pay out by the end of the licence period for all types of lottery schemes to ensure alignment with the licensing period.
Regulations currently only allow contracts where the method of payment is fixed and pre-determined. Payment terms based upon a percentage or commission is not allowed. 20 per cent commissions paid on ticket/entry sales are allowed.	The Regulations now allow percentage payment contracts or agreements with suppliers with a cap of 15 per cent of gross receipts. The current rules allowing 20 per cent commission on ticket sales remain unchanged.
No reference to Electronic Raffle Systems or electronic gaming equipment.	Electronic gaming equipment defined in the Regulations. Authorize the Director to establish a policy that allows the use of electronic gaming equipment.
Policy allows Electronic Raffle Systems for selling paper-based tickets only.	Regulations updated to allow use of electronic gaming equipment to allow for the sale of an electronic ticket, selection of a winner and distribution of a prize, in addition to the sale of a paper-based ticket.
Schedule D, Rules for Ticket Lotteries, allows only paper-based tickets.	Schedule D, Rules for Ticket Lotteries, has been revised to allow for electronic tickets, in addition to paper-based tickets.
A licence period shall not exceed 12 months unless expressly authorized by the division.	Allows a licence for a series of lottery events to be in effect for 24 months
Eligibility for a lottery licence is assessed for each lottery licence application.	Allow separate applications for lottery scheme licences and lottery licence eligibility, enabling up to five-year eligibility for lottery licence, subject to applicable criteria.