

## Fee and licence changes from 1 August 2008

July 2008

### 1 Introduction

- 1.1** Following the joint consultation between the Gambling Commission and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport on proposals for Gambling Commission fees there will be changes to the application, annual and variable fees payable after 1 August 2008.
- 1.2** There is also a new licence activity type. The consultation created a new type of betting intermediary licence for trading rooms which provide facilities from licensed premises by a remote link to a betting exchange.
- 1.3** The fee categories for non-remote casino 1968 Act, remote casino, all remote betting and remote bingo will change from 1 August 2008.
- 1.4** There will be 4 types of linked licence available to operators who wish to supply, install, adapt, maintain or repair gaming machines and manufacture, supply, install or adapt gambling software in support of their licensed gambling activities.

### 2 Changes to fees

- 2.1** The operator licence application fees from 1 August 2008 are recorded below.

Operating licence type	Licence application fees from 1 August 2008									
	Non-Remote					Remote				
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Casino 2005 Act	£30,148	£39,569	£45,221			£6,860	£13,703	£20,580	£30,148	£39,569
Casino 1968 Act	£6,852	£10,277	£20,556	£20,556	£20,556					
Bingo	£1,028	£1,713	£3,426	£17,986	£21,583	£3,430	£7,546	£17,130	£20,580	£30,148
General betting - standard	£1,028	£1,028	£3,597	£17,986	£42,139	£3,430	£7,546	£17,130	£20,580	£30,148
General betting - limited	£187	£374	£1,030			£624				
Pool betting	£685	£1,713	£5,139			£685	£1,713	£5,139	£5,139	£5,139
Betting intermediary	£208	£208	£208			£6,680	£13,703	£17,130	£20,580	£30,148
Betting intermediary (trading rooms)						£624	£1,028	£1,713		
Gaming machine general AGC	£1,028	£1,028	£1,713	£5,139	£17,130					
Gaming machine general FEC	£1,028	£1,028	£1,713	£5,139	£17,130					
Gaming machine technical: full	£1,028	£1,713	£17,130			£1,028	£1,713	£17,130		
Gaming machine technical: supplier	£1,028	£1,713	£5,139			£1,028	£1,713	£5,139		
Gaming machine technical: software	£1,028	£5,139	£17,130			£1,028	£5,139	£17,130		
Gambling software	£1,028	£5,139	£17,130			£6,680	£13,703	£17,130		
Lottery managers	£1,028	£1,713	£2,398			£1,028	£1,713	£2,398		
Society lotteries	£172	£257	£342			£172	£257	£342		

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2.2 The operator licence annual fees from 1 August 2008 are recorded below. Changes from 2007/08 to 2008/09 are marked in red.

Operating licence type	Annual licence fees from 1 August 2008									
	Non-Remote					Remote				
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Casino 2005 Act	£48,825	£101,771	£203,543			£12,733	£35,885	£69,658	£110,820	£146,282
Casino 1968 Act	£16,356	£21,752	£69,572	£310,316	£417,436					
Bingo	£1,571	£7,077	£16,860	£37,579	£82,002	£12,733	£35,885	£69,658	£110,820	£146,282
General betting - standard	£1,571	£7,077	£16,860	£38,705	£222,990	£12,733	£35,885	£69,658	£110,820	£146,282
General betting - limited	£200	£467	£1,267			£1,500				
Pool betting	£2,121	£4,083	£4,083			£1,500	£35,885	£69,658	£110,820	£146,282
Betting intermediary	£267	£4,083	£4,083			£12,733	£35,885	£69,658	£110,820	£146,282
Betting intermediary (trading rooms)						£1,500	£6,367	£17,942		
Gaming machine general AGC	£1,564	£6,464	£12,928	£27,812	£38,705					
Gaming machine general FEC	£1,047	£4,683	£9,365	£22,352	£37,579					
Gaming machine technical: full	£2,961	£6,325	£14,883			£6,367	£17,942	£34,829		
Gaming machine technical: supplier	£1,201	£3,243	£4,083			£6,367	£17,942	£34,829		
Gaming machine technical: software	£1,535	£3,861	£6,188			£6,367	£17,942	£34,829		
Gambling software	£1,535	£3,861	£6,188			£6,367	£17,942	£34,829		
Lottery managers	£1,981	£2,261	£2,541			£6,367	£17,942	£34,829		
Society lotteries	£348	£692	£1,392			£348	£692	£1,392		

2.3 From 1 August 2008 the criteria and fee boundaries for varying an operating licence because of change in control will change. There will be three levels of fee depending on the Commission's previous knowledge of the new controlling party:

- **Level 1:** change in control due to share fluctuation only – £100
- **Level 2:** know both parties and change in control is due to other changes – 25% of application fee
- **Level 3:** one party is unknown and change in control is due to other changes – 75% of the application fee

## 3 New types of licence

3.1 From 1 August 2008, a new licence activity type, remote betting intermediary – trading rooms will be available. This type of licence is for trading rooms which provide facilities from licensed premises by a remote link to a betting exchange.

3.2 This licence authorises the licensee to act as a betting intermediary as in the remote betting intermediary licence but is restricted to providing these facilities from licensed premises by providing a link by means of remote communication to a betting exchange.

3.3 The application and annual fees are outlined above. The fee categories for this type of licence will be based on annual gross gambling yield as follows:

Category F	Category G	Category H
under £0.5m	£0.5m - £6m	Over £6m

## 4 New licence fee categories

4.1 The fee categories for existing non-remote casino operating licences have changed. They are now spread out over five categories by gross gaming yield. Current operators with non-remote existing casino operating licences will be reassigned.

Category A	Category B	Category C	Category D	Category E
Up to £5m	£5m - £25m	£25m - £100m	£100m - £250m	over £250m

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4.2 Remote casinos, bingo, general betting, pool betting and betting intermediary operator fee categories are also now spread over five categories like so:

Operating licence – Remote	Category F	Category G	Category H	Category I	Category J
Casino	Up to £5m	£5m - £25m	£25m - £100m	£100m - £250m	over £250m
Bingo	Up to £5m	£5m - £25m	£25m - £100m	£100m - £250m	over £250m
General betting	Up to £5m	£5m - £25m	£25m - £100m	£100m - £250m	over £250m
Pool betting	Up to £5m	£5m - £25m	£25m - £100m	£100m - £250m	over £250m
Betting intermediary	Up to £5m	£5m - £25m	£25m - £100m	£100m - £250m	over £250m

## 5 Linked licences

5.1 Following on from the joint consultation on Gambling Commission fees 2008/09, four types of linked licence will be available from 1 August 2008. They are:

- linked non-remote gaming machine technical: supplier
- linked remote gaming machine technical: supplier
- linked non-remote gambling software
- linked remote gambling software

The licence application fee for each linked licence is £165 and the annual fee is £375.

### Linked non-remote gaming machine technical (supplier)

5.2 A non-remote gaming machine technical operating licence which permits the supply, installation, adaptation, maintenance or repair of a gaming machine, or part of a gaming machine (including software), provided:

- the licensee is the only operator making that machine available for use and
- the licensee does not incur costs of more than £50,000 per annum in respect of those activities.

For example, when an arcade maintains their own machines.

5.3 This linked licence does not authorise the licensee to manufacture gaming machines (or parts of, or software for, gaming machines).

### Linked remote gaming machine technical (supplier)

5.4 A remote gaming machine technical operating licence which permits the supply, installation, adaptation, maintenance or repair of a gaming machine, or part of a gaming machine (including software) provided:

- the licensee is the only operator making that machine available for use and
- the licensee does not incur costs of more than £50,000 per annum in respect of those activities.

For example, when an arcade adapts the software in their machines by means of remote communication.

5.5 This linked licence does not authorise the licensee to manufacture gaming machines (or parts of, or software for, gaming machines).

### Linked non-remote gambling software

5.6 A non-remote gambling software operating licence which only authorises the licensee to manufacture, supply, install or adapt gambling software for use in connection with gambling facilities provided by them and provided the costs incurred by them in carrying out activities authorised by the licence do not exceed £50,000 per annum.

For example, a casino installing or adapting software in its automated roulette equipment.

### Linked remote gambling software

- 5.7** A remote gambling software operating licence which only authorises the licensee to manufacture, supply, install or adapt gambling software for use in connection with gambling facilities provided by them and provided the costs incurred by them in carrying out activities authorised by the licence do not exceed £50,000 per annum.

For example, a casino installing or adapting software in its automated roulette equipment by remote means.

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