

Fact Sheet: Gaming Activities in Tasmania

Lottery

A lottery is a type of gambling activity that involves the drawing of numbers at random where a person can purchase a ticket for the chance to win a prize. The outcome of a lottery is determined by chance.

In Tasmania this includes national lottery competitions (ie TattsLotto or Powerball) and certain 'Instant Scratch-it' competitions that are sold from approved outlets in Tasmania.

A lottery can only be conducted in Tasmanian if it is authorised by the Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission.

Raffle

A raffle is a type of gambling activity where a person can purchase a ticket for the chance to win a prize **and** the purpose of the raffle is for charitable purposes.

A raffle where the total prize value does not exceed \$5 000 is an exempt game and does not require a minor gaming permit, however, the raffle is still subject to the conditions of raffles.

A raffle where the total prize value exceeds \$5 000 requires a minor gaming permit. Information regarding the application for a minor gaming permit can be found on the Liquor and Gaming website - [Minor Gaming Permit | Treasury and Finance Tasmania](#).

Trade Promotion

A trade promotion is a type of activity conducted to promote the goods or services provided by a business and by purchasing a good or service offered by that business, a person receives an entry for a chance to win a prize.

The right to participate in a trade promotion arises because the person purchases a benefit or thing offered by that business (eg a meal or a drink) at the recommended retail price. There is no additional cost to participate in the activity.

It is NOT a trade promotion if there is a cost to enter that is separate from, or in addition to, purchasing goods and/or services.

Examples of trade promotions

A pub is offering customers entry to a competition to win a prize when purchasing specific products, spending specific amounts or during a specified time frame eg purchase a main course meal (at the recommended retail price) on a Thursday night to receive chips (of no monetary value) to play in a poker event that evening where cash prizes may be won.

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A fitness gym is offering a promotion that new customers who sign up for a membership during a specific month receive an entry into a draw to win their annual membership for free.

A bookstore is offering customers an opportunity to receive an entry to a draw to win a prize when purchasing specific products, spending specific amounts or during a specified time frame eg spend \$30 on books during May to go in the draw for a free signed book.

Poker

To learn more about conducting poker lawfully, refer to our 'Conducting Poker Games in Tasmania' fact sheet - [Fact sheets | Treasury and Finance Tasmania](#).

Other types of Minor Gaming

In addition to lotteries and raffles, there are other types of minor gaming that involve the running of a game authorised by the Commission **and** that game is conducted for *charitable purposes*.

To conduct a game authorised by the Commission, a minor gaming permit must be held and the game must be played in accordance with any conditions and rules of that game.

For more information about minor gaming, refer to our website - [Minor Gaming Permit | Treasury and Finance Tasmania](#).

Penalties

Under section 5A of the *Gaming Control Act 1993*, the penalty for conducting an unauthorised lottery is a fine of up to 600 penalty units¹ for a first offence, and a fine of up to 1000 penalty units, or imprisonment for a term of up to two years or both, for a second or subsequent offence.

¹ The value of a penalty unit can be located at:
https://www.justice.tas.gov.au/about/legislation/value_of_indexed_units_in_legislation