

# TASMANIAN LIQUOR AND GAMING COMMISSION

## Guidelines for seeking exemption to cash cheques

Effective from 1 November 2018, measure 4.6 of the “Access to cash” section of the *Responsible Gambling Mandatory Code of Practice for Tasmania* will prohibit the cashing of cheques on licensed premises, unless an exemption has been granted by the Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission (or the customer is an international visitor).

The Commission will consider approving an exemption where the prescribed licence holder can satisfactorily demonstrate that the venue is located in an area where cheque cashing facilities are otherwise unavailable and that this service is essential to the community.

### Deadlines for seeking exemption

While an exemption to cash cheques can be sought at any time (after 1 May 2018), you are encouraged to submit requests well in advance of 1 November 2018 when the restriction commences to allow sufficient time for consideration and avoid any compliance issues.

### How to apply for an exemption

- 1) Prepare a letter to the Chair of the Commission detailing the reasons that your venue should be allowed to cash cheques. Ensure the request includes your contact details and covers all relevant information such as details of the locality, the distance the venue is located from the nearest cheque cashing facility, number of people reliant on cashing cheques at your venue and any supporting reasons.
- 2) Submit the request by post to the following address or email to [gaming@treasury.tas.gov.au](mailto:gaming@treasury.tas.gov.au):

Ms Jenny Cranston  
Chair  
Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission  
GPO Box 1374  
HOBART TAS 7001  
Attention: Director, Liquor and Gaming Branch

### Consideration of the exemption request

The Commission will review the request and may seek clarification from you if necessary. Exemptions will only be approved in circumstances where justification of the request is provided. You will receive a written response outlining the decision and, if an exemption is granted, any conditions that will apply.

For further information contact the Liquor and Gaming Branch:

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