

Lucky Envelopes

Authorisations to conduct minor gaming activities, including LUCKY ENVELOPES are issued subject to the provisions of the *Gaming Control Act 1993* and to any directions given by the Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission. In accordance with the *Gaming Control Act 1993* the rules and conditions of lucky envelopes are as follows:

QUICK FACTS

- A minor gaming permit is required.
- A fee applies to a minor gaming permit authorising the sale of lucky envelopes.
- Each ticket must state the selling price of that ticket.
- It is an offence to sell lucky envelopes to persons under eighteen years of age.

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CONDITIONS:

The holder of a minor gaming permit authorised to sell lucky envelopes in hotels, licensed clubs, clubs and other organisations must comply with the following conditions:

1. An individual activity notification form for lucky envelopes must be lodged with the Commission at least seven (7) days prior to selling lucky envelopes.
2. Purchase lucky envelopes from a supplier who is listed on the Roll of Recognised Manufacturers and Suppliers of Gaming Equipment.
3. Purchase for sale and sell only liquor and/or cash tickets of a type that have been approved by the Commission:

That is:

- (a) Tickets must be printed with the name of the supplier and the name (or licence number) of the licensed printer, and each ticket from a particular lot must bear a unique serial number;
- (b) Each ticket must be marked with the selling price of that ticket;
- (c) Each ticket is sold for the face value that is printed on it, and this amount may not exceed \$2.00;
- (d) Cash tickets only offer cash as a prize and that no one prize exceeds \$500;

- (e) Liquor tickets may only be sold at premises to which a liquor licence or liquor permit pertains and must only be sold during the hours authorised under the licence or permit granted under the *Liquor Licensing Act 1990*;
- (f) Liquor and/or cash tickets are only sold at the place approved by the Commission;
- (g) Liquor tickets offer liquor as a prize which will entitle the winner to choose any liquor to the value of the prize won, either packaged or over the bar. There may need to be a cash adjustment either way, depending on the circumstances;
- (h) Liquor and cash tickets approved for sale return a fixed prize payout of between 63% and 75% of the gross proceeds of each box;
- (i) Before opening, each ticket must not disclose whether it represents a win or loss, even when examined with the aid of a bright light source;
- (j) Each ticket must be printed with a two letter code (issued to Licensed Printers by the Commission and allocated to each type of approved envelope);
- (k) Lucky envelopes are not to be purchased by persons under 18 years of age;
- (l) Lucky envelope prizes are not to be paid to persons under 18 years of age;
- (m) Lucky envelope dispensers may only be operated where they are under close constant supervision; and
- (n) Lucky envelope dispensers must not be located in a Restricted Gaming Area or adjacent to any amusement machine or items marketed to attract persons under the age of 18.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR HOTELS

4. The permit holder shall complete and forward to the Commission within 14 days of the anniversary of issue of a minor gaming permit, a "Return of Sales form" listing the number of each type of ticket (liquor and/or cash) sold during the year and the name and amount paid to each beneficiary organisation.

5. The return of sales form will be sent by the Commission prior to the end of the permit period. In the event of a permit holder ceasing to be the liquor licensee prior to the end of the permit period, a return of sales form showing the above information must be completed and returned to the Commission with 14 days of relinquishing the liquor licence.
6. A site fee of up to 5% of gross proceeds from the sale of each box of lucky envelopes may be retained by the permit holder.
7. The permit holder must apply the total net profit derived from the sale of liquor and/or cash tickets to those beneficiary organisations that are approved by the Commission.

Whenever additional beneficiary organisations are required to be nominated, advice should be forwarded to the Commission together with a copy of the organisation's constitution. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to advise the Commission of changes to beneficiary organisations' contact details.

8. Payment to beneficiaries must be made in money and not in goods or services.
9. The total net profit is to be distributed quarterly and must not be accrued. The permit holder must display, in a prominent place in the hotel, a notice clearly detailing the distribution of profits for the preceding quarter.
10. The permit holder must keep and provide for inspection if requested, detailed documentary evidence in the form of receipts, etc. for a period of seven (7) years to substantiate the payment of monies to beneficiaries.

If you would like further information, please contact the Liquor and Gaming Branch.

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