

# FAQ: Conducting the game of lucky envelopes

## What are lucky envelope tickets and how are they played?

Lucky envelopes are cards that contain hidden symbols, letters or pictures which can be exposed by physically breaking open tickets along perforations on the ticket. The combination of symbols revealed determines whether a ticket is a prize-winning ticket or not. Winning tickets may have prizes of either cash or liquor. Lucky envelopes are often referred to as 'break open tickets', 'beer tickets' or 'bingo tickets'.

## Do I need a minor gaming permit?

You always need a minor gaming permit to conduct the game of lucky envelopes. You must comply with the rules of the authorised game of lucky envelopes, as well as the conditions issued on your minor gaming permit.

## Can I claim any costs or expenses to run the game?

The proceeds of lucky envelopes must be used for the lawful purposes of a not-for-profit organisation or a charitable purpose, and not for the private gain or benefit of any individual except by way of charity.

The minor gaming permit holder of the lucky envelopes may deduct from the gross proceeds:

- the costs incurred for the prizes which have been distributed to winners;
- the costs incurred in purchasing the lucky envelope tickets from a lucky envelope supplier; and
- any other reasonable and actually incurred operational costs of conducting the lucky envelopes, up to a maximum operational cost of five percent of the proceeds of the ticket sales.

All the rest of the money raised from lucky envelope ticket sales must be used for the not-for-profit organisation or the charitable purpose.

The minor gaming permit holder will need to keep records of all the costs incurred in running the lucky envelopes, as well as the amount distributed to the not-for-profit organisation or charitable purpose.

## What kind of lucky envelope tickets can I sell?

Lucky envelope tickets can only be sold within Tasmania if they have been purchased from a lucky envelope supplier who is listed on the Roll of Recognised Manufacturers and Suppliers of Gaming

Equipment. There is currently only one lucky envelope supplier who is listed on the Roll, BSG Australia.

## Can children play lucky envelopes?

Children under the age of 18 must not participate in the game of lucky envelopes. It is an offence to sell a lucky envelope ticket to a child.

## What prizes are available?

Lucky envelopes can have prizes of either cash or liquor. A permit holder may be authorised to sell both cash and liquor tickets, or may only be authorised to sell cash tickets. Additional rules and restrictions apply if the permit holder sells lucky envelope tickets with liquor prizes.

## Where can I sell lucky envelope tickets?

Lucky envelope tickets must only be sold at the location (or locations) specified on the minor gaming permit. Many not-for-profit organisations choose to sell lucky envelopes on their own premises, but others prefer to sell the tickets in a local hotel or similar. If the place where the tickets are being sold is not owned or occupied by the minor gaming permit holder, then the permission of the owner or occupier must be obtained.

The minor gaming permit holder will always be responsible for the sale of the tickets, regardless of the location of sale. It is important that the permit holder has sufficient oversight of the sale of the tickets to ensure that the rules of the game, and the conditions of the permit, are being complied with.

## Selling lucky envelope tickets at a licensed premises

Lucky envelopes which offer a liquor prize must only be sold at a premises holding a valid liquor licence or liquor permit granted under the *Liquor Licensing Act 1990*, and must only be sold during the hours authorised under that licence or permit. The permission of the liquor licence holder or liquor permit holder must be obtained.

## How can I sell lucky envelope tickets?

Lucky envelope tickets are often sold from a dispenser, but this is not a requirement. If you choose to sell lucky envelopes from a dispenser, this must be located in an area which can be under close and constant supervision, and must not be in a restricted gaming area or adjacent to any amusement machine or items marketed to attract children under the age of 18 years.

## How should I provide information to players?

Minor gaming permit holders have an obligation to provide information to participants in advance of them purchasing a lucky envelope ticket. This must be done by displaying a completed

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“Authorised lucky envelopes - information form” in a prominent place near all lucky envelope dispensers and at all locations at which lucky envelope tickets are sold.

If a minor gaming permit holder is authorised to sell lucky envelopes at more than one location, a separate information form must be completed for each location.

The form is available on the “forms” section of the website - [Forms | Treasury and Finance Tasmania](#)

## How do I keep the required records?

Minor gaming permit holders have an obligation to keep certain records about the game of lucky envelopes. This must be done by completing the “Authorised lucky envelopes - record keeping” form.

If a minor gaming permit holder is authorised to sell lucky envelopes at more than one location, a separate record keeping form must be completed for each location. Each record keeping form only requires one location to be listed, which is the approved location at which the information detailed on the record keeping form relates to.

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