

Gambling Act 2005

Guidance Note – Club Permits



Purpose

This guidance is for members clubs and miners welfare institutes who wish to provide gaming machines and/or equal chance gaming for their members.

Permits

Should a club wish to provide gaming machines for use on their premises, they must have either of the following two permits:

Club Gaming Permit

This allows members clubs and miner's welfare institutes to provide a total of **three** gaming machines in the following categories:

- B3A: a maximum stake of £1 and prize of £500
- B4: a maximum stake of £1 and a prize of £250
- C: a maximum stake of 50p and prize of £35
- D: a maximum stake of 10p and prize of £5 cash, or 30p stake and £8 prize in a non-money machine.

In addition to gaming machines the club gaming permit allows the club to provide facilities for chemin de fer, pontoon, bingo (not high turnover), bridge and certain poker games **without limits**.

Club Gaming Machine Permit

This allows member's clubs and miners welfare clubs to provide gaming machines only.

A commercial club can only apply for a Club Gaming Machine Permit which allows them to provide three gaming machines of category B4 and below.

Exempt Gaming

Any members club or miners welfare institute is allowed to provide equal chance gaming (bingo, bridge and some games of poker) without the benefit of a club gaming permit providing they fall within the following limits:

Poker

There is a stakes limit of £10 per player per game, and an aggregate stakes limit of £250 per day and £1000 per week for each individual club. The maximum prize in a game of poker is £250.

Bingo

There are no limits on stakes and prizes for games of bingo played in clubs however where stakes or prizes exceed £2,000 per week this is considered high turnover bingo and is no longer exempt.

Club Premises Certificate

The benefit of being a club premises certificate holder is that you may apply for either permit under the "fast track procedure". This means that you would not have to send a copy of the application to the Gambling Commission or Police and are entitled to a grant unless the club is formed specifically for gaming or the club has had a club gaming or machine permit cancelled in the last ten years.

A permit issued to a club premises certificate holder lasts as long as the club premises certificate is in place and the annual fee is paid.

The cost of a Club Gaming Permit or a Club Gaming Machine Permit for premises which hold a Club Premises Certificate is as follows:

Fast Track Application	£100
Annual fee	£50

The application fee should be enclosed with the application form. You will be invoiced for the first annual fee 30 days after the licence is issued and then annually.

Payment

We can accept payment by all major credit and debit cards at our St George House office. Please visit St George House, Great George Street, Leeds, LS1 3DL and report to our reception on the first floor. Please make cheques payable to Leeds City Council.



Use of personal data

Leeds City Council is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end may use the information you have provided on your application for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes.

Contact details and address to send application to:

Entertainment Licensing Section
Leeds City Council
Civic Hall
Leeds
LS1 1UR

Phone: 0113 247 4095
Fax: 0113 224 3885
Website: www.leeds.gov.uk/licensing
Email: entertainment.licensing@leeds.gov.uk

This document should be used as a guidance tool. Only the courts can give an authoritative opinion on statute law.

Every effort has been made to ensure this document is both comprehensive and accurate but in an attempt to simplify the law omissions have been made. Please refer to the Licensing Act 2003 and associated regulations for full details of the law.

You should seek your own legal advice on the matters raised in this guidance note.