

Betting and Gaming Duties

Cap. 60.

BETTING AND GAMING DUTIES REGULATIONS, 19791979/81.
1990/102.
1996/58.

Authority: These Regulations were made on 29th June, 1979 by the Minister under section 39 of the *Betting and Gaming Duties Act*.

Commencement: 1st July, 1979.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Betting and Gaming Duties Regulations, 1979*.

2. An application under section 6 or 10 of the Act must be accompanied by the following:

- (a) evidence of compliance with the *Town and Country Planning Act* respecting the use of the premises; Cap. 240.
 - (b) names of the countries on whose racing or other sporting activities, as the case may be, the applicant intends to take bets; and
 - (c) evidence of compliance with the *Franchises (Regulation and Control) Act*, where applicable. Cap. 179A.
3. (1) The Comptroller shall,
- (a) before registering the applicant or granting him a certificate of registration under section 6(3) or section 14B(2) of the Act; or 1996/58.
 - (b) before registering premises or an approved national organisation or granting a certificate of registration in respect of the premises or approved national organisation under section 10(2) of the Act, 1996/58.

advertise the application inviting objections thereto.

(2) An objection to an application must be in writing, must be lodged with the Comptroller within 7 days of the date of the advertisement and must contain the reasons for the objection.

(3) If there are no objections to an advertisement within the time specified in paragraph (2), the Comptroller shall register the premises and grant to the applicant a certificate of registration.

(4) If there is an objection, the Comptroller shall inform the applicant of the objection and summon the applicant and the person who made the objection to appear before the Comptroller.

(5) The Comptroller after hearing the applicant and the person who made the objection may

(a) register the applicant or the premises, as the case may be, and grant to the applicant a certificate of registration; or

(b) refuse to register the applicant or the premises, as the case may be, and to grant to the applicant a certificate of registration.

4. A person whose application is refused under paragraph (b) of regulation 3(5) may, within 14 days after notification of the refusal, appeal to the Minister, whose decision is final.

5. (1) Pool betting businesses and, subject to section 9(1) of the Act, racing service businesses, may be opened between the hours specified in the *Schedule*.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), pool betting and racing service businesses shall be closed throughout Good Friday, the 30th November, being Independence Day, if it is a week day, Christmas Day and every Sunday.

6. The holder of a certificate of registration shall display the certificate in a conspicuous place on the premises to which it relates.

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(a) shall be admitted to any registered premises;

- (b) shall be allowed to
- (i) place any bet,
 - (ii) purchase a ticket in respect of any lottery,
 - (iii) collect any money payable in connection with a lottery,
or
 - (iv) in any way participate in gaming or games of chance.

(2) In proceedings for a contravention of this regulation, it shall be a defence to prove that the defendant had reasonable cause to believe that the person admitted or allowed to engage in the activities specified in sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) had attained the age of 18 years.

8. (1) No facilities for seeing any telecast or hearing any sound broadcast that comprises matter other than information relating to events in connection with which bets may be or have been effected on the registered premises shall be provided or allowed to be used on the registered premises.

(2) The holder of the certificate of registration in respect of any premises or any servant or agent of his shall not cause or permit any facilities referred to in paragraph (1) to be provided at the premises in such manner that they can be made use of by persons resorting to the premises; and no music, dancing or other entertainment shall be provided or allowed, and no refreshment of any kind shall be served, on those premises.

9. (1) The holder of a certificate of registration in respect of any premises or any servant or agent of his may refuse to admit to, or may expel from, the premises any person who appears to be under the influence of drink or a drug, violent, quarrelsome or disorderly or whose presence on those premises would render the holder of the certificate of registration in respect of those premises or any servant or agent of his liable to a penalty under these Regulations.

(2) Any person who may be expelled from registered premises under this regulation shall, when requested by the holder of the certificate of registration in respect of the premises or any servant or agent of his or any member of the Police Force to leave those premises, leave those premises; and if he fails to do so, he is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$5 000 or to imprisonment for 12 months or both.

(3) Any member of the Police Force may, on the request of the holder of a certificate of registration in respect of any premises or his servant or agent, assist in the expulsion from registered premises of any person whom the member has reasonable cause to believe to be liable to be expelled therefrom under paragraph (1); and the member may use such force as is necessary for that purpose.

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10. In the case of a contravention of regulation 5, 6, 7 or 8, the holder of the certificate of registration in respect of any premises or approved national organisation and any of his servants or agents by whom the offence was committed is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$5 000 or to imprisonment for 12 months or both.

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SCHEDULE

(Regulation 5)

Open Hours

Business	Monday to Saturday
Pool betting business	6.00 a.m. - 11.00 p.m.
Racing Service business	6.00 a.m. - 11.00 p.m.