



# Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976

## CHAPTER 32

### LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS ACT 1976

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##### Part I — REGISTRATION

- 1 (1) An application for the registration of a society for...
  - 2 Any such application shall specify the purposes for which the...
  - 3 Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, upon application being...
  - 3A (1) The registration authority shall refuse or revoke the registration...
  - 4 (1) The registration authority may, after giving the society an...
  - 4A The registration authority may, after giving the society an opportunity...
  - 5 Where the registration of any society has been refused or...
  - 6 Where the registration of any society has been refused or...
  - 7 Where the registration authority revoke a registration under paragraph 4...
  - 8 A society which is for the time being registered under...
  - 9 Every society which is registered under this Part of this...
  - 10 Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, the registration of...
- ##### Part II — RETURNS
- 11 Subject to paragraph 12 below, the promoter of a society's...
  - 12 Paragraph 11 above shall not apply to a society's lottery...
  - 13 The registration authority shall preserve any return sent to them...
  - 14 Any person who fails to send a return in accordance...

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- 15 (1) Where it appears to the registration authority that section...  
16 The registration authority may require a society that is registered...

Schedule 1A — REGISTRATION OF SOCIETIES BY THE GAMING BOARD  
Part I — REGISTRATION

- 1 An application to the Board for the registration of a...  
2 (1) Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, upon application...  
3 (1) The Board shall refuse or revoke the registration of...  
4 (1) The Secretary of State may direct the Board—  
5 The Board shall cancel the registration of a society under...  
6 (1) A society that is registered under this Schedule shall...  
Part II — INFORMATION  
7 A society registered under this Schedule shall notify the Board...  
8 (1) A society registered under this Schedule shall notify the...  
9 (1) Where a society is registered under this Schedule on...  
10 (1) The Board shall preserve any return sent to them...  
11 (1) A society registered under this Schedule shall preserve all...  
12 The Board may require a society that is registered or...  
13 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (10) below, where the total value...  
14 (1) Any person who, in pursuance of a requirement imposed...

SCHEDULE 2 — Registration of Schemes

- 1 A local authority shall submit to the Board any scheme...  
2 A society shall submit to the Board any scheme approved...  
3 (1) The Board shall register a scheme submitted to them...  
4 (1) The Board shall have power to revoke the registration...  
4A Where the Board revoke the registration of a scheme, they...  
4B The Board shall cancel the registration of a scheme if...  
5 (1) The Secretary of State may direct the Board to...  
5A (1) A local authority shall notify the Board in writing...  
6 The Board shall have power to require the provision of...  
6A (1) The Board shall preserve any return sent to them...  
6B (1) A local authority shall preserve all documents of theirs...  
6C The Board may require a local authority—  
6D (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (10) below, where the total value...  
7 (1) The following fees shall be payable to the Board—...  
8 Any person who, in pursuance of a requirement under paragraph...  
9 A person who knowingly or recklessly includes in a report...

Schedule 2A — LOTTERY MANAGERS  
Part I — CERTIFICATION

*Application and fee*

- 1 (1) An application for a person to be certified as...

*Grant or refusal of certificate*

- 2 (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) below, on the...

*Conditions*

- 3 A certificate may include such conditions as the Board consider...  
4 (1) The Board may, after giving the certificate holder an...

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### *Duration of certificate*

- 5 A certificate shall have effect until it is revoked by...

### *Revocation of certificate*

- 6 The Board may revoke a certificate if the certificate holder...

- 7 (1) The Board shall revoke a certificate if, after giving...

#### Part II — INFORMATION

- 8 (1) A certificate holder shall preserve all documents of his,...

- 9 The Board may require a certificate holder—

- 10 Where a certificate holder is a company to which section...

- 11 (1) A certificate holder to whom paragraph 10 above does...

- 12 (1) A person who, in pursuance of a requirement imposed...

## SCHEDULE 3 — Permits for Commercial Provision of Amusements With Prizes

### *Interpretation*

- 1 (1) In this Schedule “the appropriate authority” means—

#### *Resolution by local authority as to grant or renewal of permits*

- 2 Any local authority may pass either of the following resolutions,...

- 3 (1) No resolution under paragraph 2 above shall have effect...

#### *Application for grant or renewal of permit*

- 4 (1) An application to the appropriate authority for the grant...

- 5 The appropriate authority shall not refuse to grant or renew...

#### *Grounds for refusal to grant or renew permit*

- 6 (1) Where an application for the grant or renewal of...

- 7 (1) In the case of premises to which paragraph 3...

#### *Appeal in England or Wales against decision of appropriate authority*

- 8 (1) Where on an application under this Schedule in England...

- 9 The Court shall not allow an appeal under this Schedule...

- 10 Subject to paragraph 9 above, on any such appeal the...

- 11 Where the appropriate authority is the licensing justices for a...

#### *Appeal in Scotland against decision of appropriate authority*

- 12 Where on an application under this Schedule in Scotland the...

- 13 The sheriff shall not allow an appeal under this Schedule...

- 14 (1) Subject to paragraph 13 above, on any such appeal...

### *Duration of permit*

- 15 Subject to the following provisions of this Schedule, and without...

- 16 (1) Where an application for the renewal of a permit...

- 17 (1) A permit shall not be transferable, and, subject to...

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*Payment of fees*

- 18 Notwithstanding anything in the preceding provisions of this Schedule,  
no...

SCHEDULE 4 — Consequential Amendments

*Gaming Act 1968*

- 1 In section 1(2)(c) of the Gaming Act 1968 (gaming to...
- 2 In section 34(1)(c) of that Act (uses of machines) for...
- 3 In section 41(1)(c) of that Act (gaming at entertainments not...
- 4 In section 42(2)(d) of that Act (restrictions on advertisements relating...
- 5 The following section shall be added after section 51 of...
- 6 (1) In subsection (1) of section 52 of that Act...
- 7 Pool Competitions Act 1971
- 8 Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1972
- 9 Local Government Act 1974

SCHEDULE 5 — Repeals.

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