



# Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981

## CHAPTER 63

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*Notification to Commissioners as to carrying on of betting business*

- 4 (1) Any person who intends to carry on a general...

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- 6 (1) Any person for the time being carrying on a...
- 7 Any person for the time being carrying on a general...
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1 In calculating liability to bingo duty no account shall be...

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*Small-scale bingo*

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*Non-profit-making bingo*

- 2B In calculating liability to bingo duty no account shall be...

*Small-scale amusements provided commercially*

- 5 (1) In calculating liability to bingo duty no account shall...

*Machine bingo*

- 6 In calculating liability to bingo duty no account shall be...

*Power to increase limits of exemptions*

- 7 The Commissioners may by order provide that any provision of...
- Part II — SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

*Definitions*

- 8 In this Part of this Schedule— “bingo-promotor” means a person...

*General administration*

- 9 (1) Bingo duty shall be under the care and management...

*Notification to Commissioners by, and registration of, bingo-promoters*

- 10 (1) Any person who intends to promote the playing of...

*Announcement of prizes*

- 11 A bingo-promoter shall ensure that, before the beginning of any...

*Books, records, accounts, etc.*

- 12 (1) A promoter of bingo other than bingo which is...

*Powers to enter premises and obtain information*

- 13 (1) Any officer may, without paying, enter on any premises...

*Power to estimate duty*

- 14 .....

*Disputes as to computation of duty*

- 15 (1) Without prejudice to paragraph 14 above, if any dispute...

*Enforcement*

- 16 (1) Any person who is knowingly concerned in or in...
- 17 (1) If a justice of the peace or, in Scotland,...

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*Pleasure fairs*

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3 The Commissioners may by order provide that any provision of...

*Seasonal licences*

4 (1) If at any time during March of any year...  
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5 [(1)] The duty on amusement machine licences shall be under...

*Applications for and duration of licence*

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*Payment of duty by instalments*

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8 (1) The proper officer may, in such manner as the...

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*Registers of permits, etc.*

- 15 (1) The proper officer of the appropriate authority shall keep...

*Enforcement*

- 16 (1) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with...  
17 (1) If a justice of the peace or, in Scotland, ...  
18 Where an officer finds amusement machines provided on any premises...

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*Application*

- 1 This Schedule applies where it appears to the Commissioners that...

*Default notice requesting production of licence*

- 2 (1) The Commissioners may give a notice which complies with...

*Failure to produce a licence: grant of default licence*

- 3 (1) In any case where— (a) the Commissioners give a...

*Assessment of amount equivalent to duty*

- 4 (1) This paragraph applies where a default licence is granted...

*Liability to pay*

- 5 (1) Where an amount has been assessed under paragraph 4...

*Reviews and time limits on recovery*

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- 7 (1) The following provisions of this paragraph apply for the...

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- 1 In the definition of “pool betting” in section 55(1) of...  
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- 1 Where any period of time specified in an enactment repealed...  
2 Any provision of this Act relating to anything done or...  
3 Nothing in this Act shall affect the enactments repealed by...  
4 Where an offence for the continuation of which a penalty...  
5 For the purposes of section 9B of this Act a...

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- 6 Paragraph 11(3) of Schedule 4 to this Act shall have...
- 7 Where any Act or document refers either expressly or by...
- 8 Notwithstanding the repeal by this Act of section 29 of...
- 9 Nothing in this Act shall affect gaming licences for periods...

#### SCHEDULE 7 — Repeals



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