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## FAQ – Charitable Gaming Event Licensing

### **Why have the charitable gaming rules and licence classes changed?**

There have been changes made to the Gaming Control Act and Regulation which have required updates to charitable licensing requirements. As a result, the old Licensed Charitable Gaming Rules are being replaced with the new plain-language [Licensed Charitable Gaming Event Guidance](#) and an updated [Terms and Conditions](#) document. These changes are meant to make the licensing process clearer, more consistent with the *Criminal Code*, and easier to follow, while continuing to support charitable and community fundraising.

### **When will the changes start and what does this mean for current licensees and applicants?**

The new Gaming Control Act, regulations, licence classes, and application fees start on April 13, 2026.

- Applications submitted on or after April 13, 2026, follow the new fees and requirements.
- Applications submitted before April 13, 2026, but not yet approved will be assessed under the new Act and subject to the new requirements but with the former application fees.
- Licences issued before April 13, 2026, are not affected and will continue to be governed by the former Act, regulations, and licence conditions until they expire.

### **Are there any client group consultations taking place for revisions to the raffle framework?**

The former Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch (GPEB) held consultations in 2023 and 2024 with client groups from all licence classes.

While these formal consultations are now complete, the IGCO is still open to receiving specific feedback. Some requirements are established through general manager regulations, while others are set out in policy, both of which allow for flexibility and adjustments over time.

### **How will I know which terms and conditions apply to me?**

The terms and conditions are organized into categories based on the specifics of different types of gaming events. To understand which terms and conditions apply to your gaming event licence, you should review the [Terms and Conditions](#) document based on your licence class, the type of gaming event you plan to hold and how you will run it.

Example:

If you are running a Class A, multi-day ticket raffle using ERS, you must follow the terms and conditions that apply to all ticket raffles, as well as the additional terms and conditions specific to multi-day event tickets and the use of ERS. You must also follow other terms and conditions such as general prize requirements and reporting responsibilities.

**Previously, contracts with Gaming Services Providers were limited to one year, with a one-year extension option. Has that requirement been changed?**

Yes. Under the new [Terms and Conditions](#) that will replace the Licensed Charitable Gaming Rules, contract length is not restricted. However, if a licensee intends to use an Electronic Raffle System (ERS) for a gaming event, the licensee must have a contract in place with an ERS provider and the ERS provider must be a gaming services provider with a [valid registration from the IGCO general manager](#). The contract must include:

- the overall licence period for which the licence will be issued
- the total contract value and specific service fees
- a listing of the services provided to the licensee
- the gaming services provider's name, address, and contact information
- the licensee's name, address, and contact information

## **General Eligibility and Licence Classes**

**What licence classes are available for charitable gaming events?**

There are three licence classes:

- Class A – Charitable or religious organizations
- Class B – Community fundraising groups
- Class C – Fairs or exhibitions

Class D licences no longer exist and have been replaced by Class B licences.

### What eligibility requirements apply to all licences?

For each class, you must meet two key eligibility requirements:

1. Applicant requirements: Who can apply (e.g., type of organization or group).
2. Use of proceeds requirements: How the gaming proceeds may be used.

Licence Class	Who Can Apply	Use of Proceeds
<b>Class A</b> Charitable or Religious Organization	Not-for-profit organization with a board making an ongoing charitable contribution to the community	You're raising funds for your organization's own charitable programs or services  <b>OR</b> You're raising funds to donate to another organization that delivers charitable programs or services
<b>Class B</b> Community Fundraising Group	Not-for-profit organizations, unstructured groups or community member	You're raising funds for a charitable or religious organization  <b>OR</b> You're raising funds for another community benefit
<b>Class C</b> Fair or Exhibition	Fair or exhibition designated by the general manager of the IGCO	You're raising funds for the fair or exhibition's own programs or purposes

### What type of games am I allowed to run?

The types of games you're allowed to run depends on the class of licence you're eligible for.

	Class A	Class B	Class C
Ticket Raffles	✓	✓	✓
Bingo	✓	✓	✓
Poker	✓		
Casino Games	✓		✓

(See [Section 1.3 of the Guidance](#))

### **Can I apply for a Class B licence even if I'm eligible for a Class A or Class C licence?**

Yes. Class B licences offer the most flexibility for eligibility, and you may choose to apply for a Class B licence even if your organization qualifies for a Class A or Class C licence.

However, Class B licences have more restrictions, including:

- Lower limits on ticket prices;
- Lower individual prize values;
- Fewer permitted game options; and
- A maximum projected revenue limit per licence.

(Further information on Class B licensee requirements and application information can be found in [Section 1.3.2 of the Guidance](#).)

### **What is Electronic Raffle System (ERS) and when can I use ERS to help support my gaming event?**

ERS is computer software and related equipment used to sell raffle tickets, account for sales, and facilitate the manual or electronic drawing of tickets to determine winners. ERS can be used to help run raffle events by tracking ticket sales, selecting winners, and distributing prizes.

You can only apply to use an ERS if you are applying to run a ticket raffle under a Class A licence.

The ERS system must be approved by the general manager, provided by a registered gaming services provider and approved for use as part of the gaming event licence.

(Further information on ERS can be found in [Section 1.7.1 of the Guidance](#).)

## **Application Fees**

**What are the updated application fees?**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>PROJECTED GROSS REVENUE</b>	<b>FEE</b>
<b>Class A</b>	\$250,000 or more	\$500
	\$50,000 to less than \$250,000	\$250
	\$20,000 to less than \$50,000	\$150
	Less than \$20,000	\$75
<b>Class B</b>	\$5,000 to \$20,000	\$75
	Less than \$5,000	\$25
<b>Class C</b>	\$250,000 or more	\$500
	\$50,000 to less than \$250,000	\$250
	Less than \$50,000	\$150

(See [Section 1.5 of the Guidance](#))

### **The new fees are higher. How can groups run small fundraising events?**

Application fees are now based on your licence class and how much you expect to raise at your gaming event. This helps ensure fees better reflect the level of regulatory oversight required.

However, smaller groups and smaller events can now choose to use a Class B licence, which has a lower fee, even if they are eligible for another licence class. If

you choose to apply for a Class B licence because of the lower fee, please ensure you are aware of the associated Class B restrictions, such as limits on the cost of entry and individual prize value, as well as not being able to use an Electronic Raffle System (ERS).

**Do I need to use the Guidance document if I have applied for a licence before?**

Yes. The application process has changed to reflect the new class and fee structure. The Guidance document will help you understand the new licence classes and fees, your eligibility, and which licence class is right for your application.

## **Class A Licence Requirements**

**If I have a CRA charitable registration number and I want to apply for a Class A licence, do I need to submit eligibility documents?**

No.

If your organization is a registered charity with the CRA under the *Income Tax Act* (not including other qualified donees), you automatically meet the eligibility criteria by providing a valid CRA charitable registration number. No additional documentations are required.

**I want to apply for a Class A licence, what documents are required if I do NOT have a CRA number?**

If the required documents have not been submitted within the past 5 years, you must include documents and information listed in [Section 2.1.2 of the Guidance](#).

## **Sports Associations and Teams**

**Can sports associations apply for Class A licences?**

Yes. As per to [Section 1.3.1 of the Guidance](#), sports associations may apply for a Class A licence on behalf of:

- Amateur youth sports teams; and
- Amateur adult sports teams that represent the sport at an international level



Other amateur adult sports team may benefit from fundraising under a Class A licence, as long as proceeds are distributed evenly across all programs in the association.

### **Can sports teams apply independently?**

Yes. Amateur youth and adult sports teams may apply for their own Class B licence if they fundraise independently. See [Section 1.3.2 of the Guidance](#) for applicable restrictions and limitations of Class B licences.

## **Previous Applicants & Licence Transitions**

### **I was previously approved as a Class B eligible organization. Am I likely eligible for Class A now?**

Yes. If you previously underwent a formal eligibility review (e.g., provided constitution, bylaws, AGM minutes, financials) and were deemed an eligible organization, you are likely eligible to apply for a Class A licence.

### **I was previously approved as a Community Fundraising Group (CFG). What licence should I apply for now?**

You will likely continue to apply for Class B licences, as CFGs do not meet formal eligibility criteria to fundraise for their own programs.

### **I previously applied for a Class D licence. What has changed?**

If you previously applied for Class D licences, it is likely that you will now apply for Class B licences. Important changes to note from the previous Class D licence limitations to the current Class B limitations are:

- Maximum gross revenue per licence is \$20,000.
- No limitation on gross revenue raised in a calendar year.

Further information on Class B licensee requirements and application information can be found in [Section 1.3.2 of the Guidance](#).

### **We currently run 50/50 draws using a Class D licence. Will we need to start applying for a Class B licence, and can we increase the number of tickets sold?**



Under the new structure, Class B licences replace the former Class D licences. Organizations that currently operate under a Class D licence will need to apply for a Class B licence going forward and follow the requirements for that licence class as outlined in the [Guidance](#) and [Terms and Conditions](#) documents

## **Projected Revenue**

### **What happens if my event makes more money than I projected?**

Licensees are only permitted to sell up to the projected gross revenue amount as approved on the gaming event licence. When completing your Gaming Event Revenue and Disbursement Report, please ensure the reported gross revenue reflects your actual figures and not your projected amount.

### **Why does my projected revenue matter?**

The gaming event revenue you project in your application serves two purposes:

- It determines what fee you pay.
- It forms part of your licence approval.

Your gaming event must remain compliant with the specifics that the general manager of the IGCO approves for your gaming event licence.

### **Does my licence allow me to raise up to the maximum amount in the revenue range of the licence class?**

No. Your licence only allows you to raise the amount you projected, not the maximum amount shown in the revenue range.

Example:

If you paid the \$150 fee for a Class A licence (which has a range of \$20,000 to \$50,000) and you estimated that you would raise \$30,000 through your gaming event, your licence only allows you to raise up to \$30,000, not \$50,000.

## **Recipient Organizations**

### **What is a recipient organization?**

A recipient organization receives gaming proceeds raised by another licensed individual, group, or organization.

### **What eligibility requirements apply to recipient organizations?**

All recipient organizations must:

- Not be considered an ineligible organization or group under [Section 1.2.1 of the Guidance](#); AND
- Not use gaming proceeds for ineligible purposes outlined in [Section 1.2.2 of the Guidance](#).

If an organization has been listed on a Class A licence, the recipient must also meet the formal eligibility requirements, outlined in [Section 1.3.1 of the Guidance](#).

### **How can a recipient organization meet formal eligibility requirements?**

They must either:

- Have a valid CRA charitable registration number; or
- Provide the documents outlined in [Section 2.1.2 of the Guidance](#)

Additional documents or information may be requested by the IGCO during the application process if needed.

## **Reporting Requirements**

### **What is the GERDR?**

Effective April 13, 2026, the Gaming Event Revenue and Disbursement Report (GERDR) replaces the previous GASR and GERR reports.

### **What does the GERDR include?**

The GERDR:

- Reports the actuals of each individual gaming event licence.
- Includes disbursements of gaming proceeds from that licence, and other previous licences, where applicable.
- Is due 90 days after the last gaming event authorized by the licence.
- Can only be submitted online through the [Gaming Online Service](#).



- Can be used to report gaming fund disbursements from previous gaming event licences.

Submission link: <https://gos.igcobc.ca/licensing/reportListSearch.do>

Further information on the GERDR and reporting requirements can be found in [Section 5.2 of The Licensed Charitable Gaming Event Terms & Conditions](#).

### **For licences approved under the old system, do the old reporting requirements apply?**

No. As of April 13, 2026, only the new reporting requirements apply.

Licences approved before April 13, 2026 must begin reporting under the new system for any reporting periods on or after that date. However, the new reporting system does allow for previous old system information to be included in the new report.

## **Application Summary and Receipt**

### **Can I download my application summary and receipt?**

Yes. After payment:

- An Application Summary is available for download
- If paid by credit card, an official receipt is also available

Once the application website closes, these downloads are no longer available.

If needed afterward, contact [charitable.gaming@igcobc.ca](mailto:charitable.gaming@igcobc.ca) for assistance.