

Lottery Scheme License

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question 1: Who is eligible to apply for a lottery license?

Answer:

Only NON-PROFIT and CHARITABLE organizations may request licences. Not individuals, government or businesses. In addition, the proceeds of a lottery must be used for (a) relief of poverty; (b) education; (c) the advancement of a recognized religion; or (d) some other purpose beneficial to the community.

Question 2: Can one individual or a small group of individuals with a sports team or any other organization get a lottery licence to fundraise only on their own behalf?

Answer:

No. Applicants for lottery licenses must be working toward the greater good of the entire group and not their own self-interest. This doesn't mean all proceeds must be divided equally at all times. For example, if a particular player or his/her family is underprivileged or in special need and the team as a whole decided to help that player by allocating him/her with a larger portion of the proceeds, this would be considered a "charitable purpose" and fits within the eligibility requirements of a lottery scheme as set out on the application form.

Question 3: Can we have a lottery whereby tickets are distributed to members of a sports team or other organization and individual members receive credit for the number of tickets he/she sells ? Example: the more tickets I sell, the more money is allocated to my benefit?

Answer:

No. Same reasons as #2.

Question 4: Can the tickets be sold off-island?

Answer:

No. All tickets must be sold here on Prince Edward Island.

Question 5: Does the license number need to be printed on the tickets?

Answer:

No. However, we do recommend if it is possible to do so. The license number adds more credibility to your tickets.

Question 6: If the prizes were donated, or purchased at wholesale price, how do you calculate the fee to be paid?

Answer:

The license fee is 2% of the retail value of the prize(s) being offered even if the item(s) were wholesale or donated. In other words, if you were to buy the item(s) at a store.

Question 7: Can we get a lottery license to raise money for tuition costs?

Answer:

No.

Question 8: Can we get a license to assist in education purposes?

Answer:

Yes. If the applicants are a group of students who demonstrate that the funds raised will be used to further their studies as part of the curriculum, i.e., they need to travel to take a course that is part of the curriculum, then it would be considered educational.

Question 9: Can we get a license to defray costs of a family reunion, or a class reunion?

Answer:

No.

Question 10: Can we get a license for a graduation event?

Answer:

This depends on what the proceeds of the lottery will be used for. If the proceeds are for a graduation party or dance or such like activity, no. If the proceeds were to be used for items that would support the graduation ceremony itself, i.e., printing

of the programs, rent of a hall, or guest speaker, an application may be approved.

Question 11: How long do I have to wait for my lottery license number?

Answer:

If the license is for a prize value of \$250 or less, the application is a short one page form and the license can be given over the counter at any access centre. If the license application is offering prizes of a value over \$250, the application is a two page form and must be received at least two (2) weeks prior to the commencement of ticket sales. When the application is completed, it will be reviewed and if everything is in order and the fee paid, the license will be issued as soon as possible.

Question 12: Must the fee accompany the application?

Answer:

Yes. The only exception to this would be for a 50/50 draw where you do not know what the eventual prize will be. In this case, a Report-Back License will be issued along with a Report-Back Form which is due and payable on the completion date of the draw. In the event of a 50/50 draw, the two-page application would be used to apply for the license.

Question 13: Can I use the same Lottery Number again for another single event?

Answer:

No. The only time a lottery number is renewed is for a series event such as a bingo license. The maximum time for any license is one year from the date of the application.

Question 14: If we don't sell enough tickets, can we extend the draw date? How?

Answer:

If you change the date of the draw you also change the odds to win. In order to extend the date of the draw beyond the expiry date of the approved license, you must contact each and every person who purchased a ticket and ask if they wish to leave their ticket in for the draw which will be held on the new date or do they wish to have their money refunded and their ticket withdrawn from the draw. You

should always contact Consumer Services to request a new draw date and to receive instructions on how to proceed in this direction.

Question 15: If the tickets sell really well, can we print more tickets in addition to the number of tickets specified on the application?

Answer:

If you increase the number of tickets printed you also change the odds to win. Additional tickets cannot be printed after the application is processed unless all ticket holders are contacted and advised that more tickets will be printed. They must also be asked if they wish to leave their ticket in for the draw or if they wish to have their money refunded and their ticket withdrawn from the draw. Always contact Consumer Services to request an amended license and receive the correct instructions on how to proceed. The license is issued based on the information that is on the application. We suggest that applicants be generous with the figure recorded on their application so that there is no issue if tickets go well and they wish to print more.