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Gaming Registration Fees are Changing Effective January 1, 2015

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On January 1, 2015, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is introducing a new fee schedule that applies to registrations in all areas of Ontario's gaming industry, including casinos, charitable gaming, OLG lotteries and internet gaming. The fee schedule is intended to complement earlier regulatory changes from 2012 and affirms the AGCO's ongoing commitment to modernize our regulatory approach and create a more user-friendly and streamlined registration process.

The new fee schedule has been established following discussions with the AGCO's stakeholders and aims to:

- Achieve greater equity by ensuring that individuals and businesses that fall within the same class of registration pay the same fee;
- Simplify the registration process so that all registrants are now only required to obtain – and pay for – a single registration; and
- Create greater freedom and flexibility by allowing registrants to work in or supply services to all parts of the gaming industry with a single registration.

Implementation

The fee schedule, which for some gaming sectors has not changed since 1992, will be implemented in two stages. For new applicants the fees will be effective beginning January 1, 2015. Existing registrants will pay the new fees only as and when their registrations come up for renewal in 2015. In other words, if your registration was renewed in October 2014, you are not required to pay the new fees until your registration expires next October.

New fee schedule

There are a few key changes to note:

Operators:

- There are now 2 fee categories for bingo halls – one for bingo halls that offer 4 or more events per week and another for those bingo halls that offer 3 or fewer events per week. There is no longer any fee distinction based on whether a hall sells break open tickets.

Suppliers:

- The fees for gaming related suppliers have been consolidated into 2 new categories:
 - Manufacturers: all suppliers that manufacture gaming-related equipment will now pay the same fee. This includes suppliers previously registered as bingo paper or break open ticket manufacturers and gaming equipment manufacturers in the charitable gaming sector.
 - Services suppliers: suppliers that provide support services to gaming sites, break open ticket locations or charitable organizations that conduct and manage lotteries (e.g. distribution, testing, facilitate sales) will be covered under this category.

Category 1 and Category 2 Gaming Assistants:

- There are now 2 fee categories for gaming assistants and they apply across all gaming sectors - one fee for Category 1 Gaming Assistants and the other that applies to Category 2 Gaming Assistants. This new structure is designed to better reflect the convergence of various forms of gaming in the province, and to provide individuals the flexibility to work in any type of gaming site, under one registration and by paying one fee.

Questions

This new fee schedule is not intended to generate any additional revenue for the government. The changes under the new schedule will, however, impact different registrants in different ways. Many registrants will see no change or a decrease in their registration fees, whereas others will see some increase. You can find a copy of the new fee schedule on the following page.

If you are uncertain how the new fee schedule affects you, please contact us by email at gamingfeeschedule@agco.ca or by phone through the AGCO's Customer Service Department at 416 326-8700 (GTA) or 1 800 522-2876 (toll-free in Ontario).

Otherwise, to learn more about gaming regulatory reform, we encourage you to visit our website at www.agco.on.ca.



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Gaming Registration Fees

Gaming Registration Fee Schedule (Effective January 1, 2015)

Registration Class	Goods and Services Supplied	Annual Fee
Operator	Operator of a charitable gaming site (4 or more events per week)	\$12,000 /site
	Operator of a charitable gaming site (3 or less events per week)	\$700 /site
	Operator of a commercial gaming site	\$100,000 / site
Seller	Seller	No Fee
Gaming-Related Supplier	Supplier of Gaming Equipment/Services	\$3,000
	Manufacturer of Gaming Equipment	\$15,000
Non-Gaming-Related Supplier	Non-Gaming-Related Supplier	\$2,000
Trade Union	Trade Union	\$2,000
Category 1 Gaming Assistant	Employee with Significant Supervisory or Decision-Making Responsibility	\$300
Category 2 Gaming Assistant	Employee without Significant Supervisory or Decision-Making Responsibility	\$165