

Lottery Line

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From the Registrar



Once again, it is that time of the year when we have the traditional opportunity to exchange greetings with friends and business acquaintances, and to wish all of you a very happy, successful and healthy year ahead.

During this past year demand for lottery tickets remained high. The net proceeds from the sale of lottery products go towards financing the province's educational, healthcare and social programs.

As well, the related economic activity results in helping to create jobs and pay salaries for thousands of employees in the retail store industry as illustrated by the employment of about 12,000 registered lottery ticket sellers in Ontario.

On the other hand, some of the major concerns we have at the retail seller level continue to be the sale of illegal DVDs, counterfeit transportation tokens and tickets, and the sale of tobacco products and lottery tickets to underage persons.

Also, we urge lottery ticket (Sellers) to ensure that their premises are not used for any illegal gaming activity.

Such illegal activities, as mentioned above, can lead to a monetary penalty or suspension/revocation of the Sellers' registration because the business was not being carried out with honesty, integrity and within the law.

We look forward to another year of working productively and cooperatively together with all of our stakeholders and clients.

Best wishes and Season's Greetings to all.



Jean Major
Registrar of Alcohol
and Gaming

Reminder

Renew your lottery ticket seller's (Seller) registration before it expires

We remind lottery ticket sellers to ensure they renew their registration before the expiry date. Registrants are responsible for making sure that the registration does not expire. If a registration expires, you cannot sell OLG lottery products or Break Open Tickets (BOTs) on behalf of a charity. In the case of OLG lottery products, the AGCO will advise the OLG and the lottery terminal will be immediately turned off until the registration is renewed. The AGCO will send out a notice 60 days prior to the expiry date. This form must be completed and returned to the AGCO before the expiry date. There is no fee for this renewal. ■



TIPS

Keeping your lottery
ticket seller registration
in good standing

- Make sure lottery products are not sold to anyone under 18 years of age
- Ensure your registration as lottery ticket seller does not expire
- Have your lottery ticket seller registration available for inspection at all times
- Don't allow illegal gaming machines, counterfeit DVDs or transportation tokens/tickets on your premises
- Do not buy lottery tickets for yourself or family members at your own store
- Advise AGCO of any material changes to your registration

Change in ownership of a lottery ticket seller (Seller)

Lottery ticket sellers are reminded that registrations are not transferable. In situations where there is a pending change of ownership, the new owner must submit a completed Application for registration as a lottery ticket seller Form (6179E) with all the required supporting documentation at least four weeks prior to the scheduled change of ownership date. Where there is a postponement of the date when a change of ownership will take place, the lottery ticket seller must notify the AGCO and OLG in writing prior to the original requested date.

Within five days

Applicants are responsible for notifying the Registrar of Alcohol and Gaming in writing within five days of any material changes

to the information supplied on the application form. This includes address changes, and changes of directors, officers or shareholders.

The registration of a corporation or a partnership shall be deemed to expire immediately upon any change in the officers or directors of a corporation or any change in the membership of the partnership, unless the Registrar has consented in writing to the change.

Often, these changes are submitted at the last moment, sometimes with incomplete documentation, which can lead to the lapse of a registration and a loss of the ability to sell lottery products. ■

Lottery ticket seller (Seller) registration must be posted in viewable location

Retailers are required to post or place their lottery ticket seller's registration in a convenient and easily accessible location. AGCO inspectors point out that during compliance inspections, many retailer staff have no idea where their registration is and they have to phone the owner or manager to attempt to locate it. Sometimes, the registration is locked away in a file or desk and the owner/retailer must drive to the store to retrieve it for the

inspectors. This is a great inconvenience for all concerned. If the lottery ticket sellers are selling break open tickets on behalf of a charity the lottery licence must be posted in a clearly visible location inside the retail establishment. The lottery ticket seller's registration maybe placed in the front of the blue OLG binder and all staff must be advised where the registration is. ■

Illegal gaming machines not permitted at retail locations!

Lottery ticket and Break Open Ticket (BOTs) sellers are responsible for making sure that their premises are not used for any illegal gaming activity.

The AGCO reminds all retailers who sell OLG lottery tickets that any gaming machine or video lottery terminal that is used for illegal gambling is prohibited at the retail location. Some chracteristics of illegal gaming machines are bill acceptors, game "kill switches", credit "knock off" buttons and locks on the machines. The pay out of money and/or prizes based on credits accumulated on these machines by any person is prohibited. Such activity may constitute an offence under the *Criminal Code of Canada*.

Any lottery ticket seller found to keep illegal gaming machines or video lotlery terminals on their premises may have his or her registration suspended or revoked. If this happens, the AGCO will advise the OLG, who will immediately turn off or take away the OLG terminal, and the retailer may not sell any OLG products.

No illegal activity

Retailers have been subject to disciplinary action for participating or allowing others to partcipate in illegal gaming activity on their premises, since the AGCO become responsible for regulating the sale of lottery products. ■

Selling counterfeit or illegal products can have a negative consequence on a lottery ticket seller's (Seller) registration

Tobacco products

- Retailers must have a valid tobacco retail dealer's permit issued under the *Tobacco Tax Act*
- Retailers must not sell tobacco products to anyone under 19 years of age
- Retailers must ensure they only sell "marked" tobacco products with the appropriate labeling and packaging



DVDs

- Retailers must ensure that the DVDs that they sell are originals and not unauthorized copies (also see Lottery Line editions for July 2012 and March/April 2013).

Transit tokens/tickets

- Retailers must only sell bus or subway tokens/tickets obtained from the Toronto Transit Commission(TTC) or an authorized agent
- Retailers must not charge more for the product than the TTC charges at their stations or places of business. ■



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