



New South Wales

Liquor Amendment (Gaming Machine Tickets) Regulation 1997

under the

Liquor Act 1982

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Liquor Act 1982*.

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Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to provide for the issue, by certain gaming machines in hotels, of tickets showing the unredeemed credits accumulated by players of the machines, and for the redemption of those tickets.

It does this by amending the *Liquor Regulation 1996*. The amendments also provide for ancillary matters, such as the keeping of records in relation to the tickets.

A similar regulation amends the *Registered Clubs Regulation 1996* to make similar provision in respect of machines in registered clubs.

This Regulation is made under the *Liquor Act 1982*, and, in particular, under sections 20 (2) (a) and 156 (the general regulation-making power).

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Liquor Amendment (Gaming Machine Tickets) Regulation 1997*.

2 Amendment of Liquor Regulation 1996

The *Liquor Regulation 1996* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

3 Notes

The explanatory note does not form part of this Regulation.

Schedule 1 Amendment

(Clause 2)

Part 5, Division 4 A

Insert after clause 52:

Division 4A Provisions relating to gaming machine tickets

52A Definitions

(1) In this Division:

gaming machine ticket means a ticket that:

- (a) is issued from an approved gaming device (or equipment subsidiary to the gaming device that is installed for the purpose of issuing tickets) to a player of the gaming device, and
- (b) shows the value of the credits accumulated and not otherwise redeemed in the course of play on that gaming device.

unclaimed gaming machine ticket means a gaming machine ticket that has not been redeemed.

(2) For the purposes of this Division, a hotelier ***redeems*** a gaming machine ticket if the hotelier causes money to the total value of the accumulated credits represented by the ticket to be paid to a person claiming (whether by way of presentation of the ticket or otherwise) in respect of the ticket.

52B Condition of licence

Compliance with the requirements of this Division is a condition of a hotelier's licence.

52C Information on gaming machine tickets

The following must be clearly legible on a gaming machine ticket:

- (a) the value, in dollars and cents, of the accumulated credits represented by the gaming machine ticket,

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- (b) the unique identification number of the gaming machine ticket,
- (c) words indicating that the ticket is issued in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Regulation and the *Registered Clubs Regulation 1996*.

52D Issue of certain gaming machine tickets

- (1) An approved gaming device (or equipment subsidiary to the gaming device that is installed for the purpose of issuing gaming machine tickets) must be so designed and constructed as to require the release of a lock or other security mechanism on the device or equipment before the device or equipment can issue a gaming machine ticket representing accumulated credits to a monetary value of more than \$10,000.
- (2) Only the hotelier or a person authorised by the hotelier under clause 52G to redeem gaming machine tickets may release such security mechanisms.

52E Records of gaming machine tickets issued

The approved gaming device (or subsidiary equipment) from which a gaming machine ticket is issued must keep a record of the following:

- (a) the Gaming Machine Identification number issued by the Board in respect of that gaming device,
- (b) the unique identification number of the gaming machine ticket,
- (c) the value, in dollars and cents, of the accumulated credits represented by the gaming machine ticket,
- (d) the date and time of issue of the gaming machine ticket.

52F Redemption of gaming machine tickets

- (1) A hotelier must designate (whether by signs or otherwise) a place in the hotel as a place at which gaming machine tickets may be redeemed.

(2) A hotelier may refuse to redeem a gaming machine ticket if

- (a) the hotelier is not satisfied that the person claiming in respect of the ticket is entitled to the ticket, or
- (b) that person does not provide the relevant information, documentary proof of identity and signature required for the records referred to in this Division.

52G Persons authorised to redeem gaming machine tickets

- (1) A hotelier, and an employee of the hotelier authorised by the hotelier for the purposes of this clause, may redeem a gaming machine ticket issued in the hotel.
- (2) Any authorisation under subclause (1) must be in writing.
- (3) No other person may redeem gaming machine tickets issued in the hotel.
- (4) A hotelier must keep a record (whether or not as part of another record) of the name, address and date of birth of each person who is authorised by the hotelier in accordance with this clause.
- (5) A hotelier must ensure that, at all times during which the hotel is trading, there is at least one person available on the premises of the hotel to redeem gaming machine tickets.

52H Records to be made on redemption

- (1) A hotelier must cause a record to be made in accordance with this clause when a gaming machine ticket is redeemed.
- (2) The record:
 - (a) must contain the name, address and signature of the person claiming in respect of the ticket, and

- (b) must specify the nature and identifying numbers or letters of the documentary proof of identity produced by that person, and
- (c) must specify the time and date of the redemption, and
- (d) must contain the name and signature of the person who redeems the ticket.

(3) However, if a gaming machine ticket is redeemed on the day on which it was issued or on the next day:

- (a) a record is not required to be made under this clause unless the total value of the accumulated credits represented by the ticket is \$500 or more, and
- (b) documentary proof of the identity of the claimant is not required.

52I Separate records of certain gaming machine tickets

A hotelier must keep or cause to be kept a separate monthly record of each of the following:

- (a) all gaming machine tickets redeemed on the day on which they were issued or on the next day,
- (b) all gaming machine tickets redeemed after that time,
- (c) all unclaimed gaming machine tickets.

52J Unclaimed gaming machine tickets

- (1) A hotelier must post in a conspicuous place in the hotel a notice (in a form approved by the Board) listing all unclaimed gaming machine tickets that were issued more than 12 months previously.
- (2) The notice must be displayed for at least 7 consecutive days.
- (3) The notice must make it clear that a claim in respect of an unclaimed gaming machine ticket may be made against the hotel at any time.

52K Disposal of money payable in respect of unclaimed gaming machine tickets

- (1) A hotelier must not dispose of money payable in respect of an unclaimed gaming machine ticket for any purpose unless:
 - (a) at least 12 months have elapsed since the ticket was issued, and
 - (b) a notice concerning the ticket has been posted in the hotel in accordance with clause 52J, and
 - (c) the Board has approved in writing of the disposal of the money for that purpose.
- (2) Disposal of money under this clause in respect of an unclaimed gaming machine ticket does not extinguish the right of any person to make a claim in respect of the ticket.

52L Records and other material

- (1) All records required by this Division must be in a form approved by the Board.
- (2) For the purposes of clause 54, all gaming machine tickets that have been redeemed on presentation are taken to be records.
- (3) All records and all such tickets must be made available, at the request of an authorised person, for inspection by the person during the time that they are required to be retained under clause 54.