

Gambling Act 2005

Small Society Lotteries – Guidance document

Lotteries classified as Small Society Lotteries are exempt from the requirement to have a Lottery Operating Licence from the Gambling Commission but instead need to simply register with the Local Authority.

Lotteries are exempt if:

- It is promoted wholly on behalf of a non-commercial society
- It is a small lottery (see below for definition)
- The other conditions of a small society lottery are satisfied (as below)

Small Society Lotteries:

- The proceeds of a single lottery must not exceed £20,000
- The proceeds from the societies lotteries promoted wholly or partly during the year is less than £250,000
- May be promoted for any purpose for which the promoting society is conducted
- At least 20% of the proceeds of the lottery must be applied to a purpose for which the society is conducted.
- It must not be possible for the purchaser of the ticket in a small society lottery to win by virtue of that ticket more than £25,000.
- Tickets must identify the promoting society, state the price of the ticket, state the name and address of a member of the society and external lottery manager if there is one and also state the date of the draw or enable the date of the draw to be determined.
- Records must be filed with the Local Authority with regard to the lottery for example the tickets sold, proceeds, costs incurred etc.

Small society lotteries must register with the Local Authority

Applications for registration will be refused if the applicant is not a non-commercial society.

The fee for registration is £40 and the annual fee payable is £20.

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