REPUBLIC OF NAOERO

GAMING (BINGO) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2026

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The Cabinet makes the following Regulations under Section 31 of the *Gaming Act 2011:*

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Gaming (Bingo) (Amendment) Regulations 2026.*

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the date they are notified in the Gazette.

3 Amendment of the Gaming (Bingo) Regulations 2023

The *Gaming (Bingo) Regulations 2023* are amended by these Regulations.

4 Amendment of Regulation 3

Regulation 3 is amended as follows:

(a) in the definition of '***bingo market operator'*** delete wherever it appears 'mini or major'; and

(b) in the definition of '***Secretary***' delete 'Department of Internal Affairs' and substitute with 'Department of Community and Youth'.

5 Amendment of Regulation 6

Regulation 6(a) is amended by deleting 'the form' and substitute with 'Form 1'.

6 Amendment of Regulation 10

Regulation 10 is amended by deleting subregulations (2), (3) and (4) and substitute with:

'(2) The Secretary shall allocate the time slot for the conduct of a bingo fundraiser.

(3) A bingo fundraiser operator shall conduct his or her bingo fundraiser in accordance with the time slot allocated by the Secretary.

(4) A bingo fundraiser operator shall only conduct up to two sessions per week consisting of:

(a) one session of 5 games; and

(b) one session of 10 games.'.

7 Amendment of Regulation 11

Regulation 11 is amended by inserting new subregulation (4) as follows:

'(4) A take-home bingo operator shall only conduct up to two sessions per week consisting of:

(a) one session of 5 games; and

(b) one session of 10 games.'.

8 Amendment of Regulation 12

Regulation 12 is deleted and substituted with:

'**12 Bingo Market (Kashock)**

(1) A bingo market operator shall be licensed to operate a bingo market.

(2) A bingo market shall have an unlimited number of bingo players.

(3) A bingo market operator shall comply with the conditions provided under the Act, these Regulations and as specified in the Gaming (Bingo) Licence.

(4) Subject to Section 13(5) and (6) of the Act, where a bingo market operator's Gaming (Bingo) Licence is suspended or cancelled during the conduct of the bingo, the operator shall immediately cease the bingo and inform all the bingo players of the suspension or cancellation of the licence.'.

9 Amendment of Regulation 13

Regulation 13 is amended by deleting 'as set out in Schedule 5' and substitute it with 'as allocated by the Secretary'.

10 Amendment of Regulation 14

Regulation 14 is deleted and substituted with:

'**14 Extension**

(1) A bingo operator may only extend the time slots for a bingo market or online bingo upon approval by the Secretary of an extension application and payment of the fee provided under Schedule 3.

(2) An extension application shall be in Form 2 of Schedule 2.

(3) The Secretary's approval of an extension application shall be in Form 3 of Schedule 2.

(4) The Secretary's refusal of an extension application shall be in Form 4 of Schedule 2 and shall state the reasons for refusal.

(5) A bingo operator shall not conduct bingo on a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday and any other statutory public holiday which the Secretary prohibits by notice published in the Gazette.'.

11 Amendment of Regulation 18

Regulation 18 is amended by inserting the following after subregulation (5):

‘(6) A bingo fundraiser operator shall pay out the prizes as advertised and specified in the licence application provided to the Secretary.

(7) A bingo fundraiser operator shall not change prizes after the first bingo player has purchased a booklet.

(8) A bingo fundraiser operator who contravenes subregulation (6) or (7):

(a) shall be issued with a Notice to Comply in the Form under Schedule 5; and

(b) such bingo fundraiser operator shall pay the winner the prize as advertised and provided in the licence application within 2 weeks from receiving of the Notice to Comply.

(9) Upon receipt of a Notice to Comply under subregulation (8), a bingo fundraiser operator shall:

(a) where he or she has paid the winner the correct prize under subregulation (8), provide proof of payment within 2 weeks of receiving the Notice to Comply to the Secretary; or

(b) dispute the Notice to Comply, by submitting a written explanation to the Secretary and proof, that the correct prize was paid in accordance with subregulation (6), within 2 weeks of receiving the Notice to Comply.

(10) A bingo fundraiser operator who fails to comply with subregulation (8) shall not be issued a bingo fundraiser licence for a period of 2 weeks from the expiry of the period under subregulation (8)(b).’.

12 Amendment of Regulation 21

Regulation 21 is amended by deleting subregulation (1) and substitute with:

‘(1) A person may make a complaint to the Secretary where a provision of the Act, these Regulations or a condition of a Gaming (Bingo) Licence has been breached.’.

13 Amendment of Schedule 2

Schedule 2 is deleted and substituted with:

‘**SCHEDULE 2**

FORM 1

(Regulation 6(a))

Application Form for Gaming (Bingo) Licence

<table>
<tr><td colspan="2">
REPUBLIC OF NAOERO
GAMING ACT 2011
APPLICATION FOR GAMING (BINGO) LICENCE</td></tr>
<tr><td>NAME OF APPLICANT</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>TELEPHONE CONTACT</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>EMAIL CONTACT</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">LOCATION OF PREMISES OR VENUE AT WHICH GAME WILL BE CONDUCTED
UNDER LICENCE
Note: If game will be conducted at more than one premises/venue, specify each premises/venue.</td></tr>
<tr><td>□ BINGO FUNDRAISER

Specify the total value of prizes to be awarded at the Bingo Fundraiser: _____

Fee: 10% of the total prize value to be awarded at the Bingo Fundraiser game</td><td>□ BINGO MARKET (Kashock)

Fee: $6,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>□ TAKE HOME BINGO

Fee: $5 games - $50 per session
$10 games - $100 per session</td><td>□ ONLINE BINGO

□ 1 per week per 12 months $500
□ 2 per week per 12 months $600
□ 3 per week per 12 months $700
□ 4 per week per 12 months $800
□ 5 per week per 12 months $900
□ 6 per week per 12 months $1000</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">DURATION [specify the dates and time being proposed for the type of bingo to be</td></tr>
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played]**:**

NUMBER OF SESSIONS AND GAMES: *(Please note that for a bingo fundraiser operator or take home operator he or she shall only conduct up to:* *(a) one session of 5 games per week; and* *(b) one session of 10 games per week.*	**Specify how many times a week for the year you will be conducting your Bingo Market/Online Bingo**

BUSINESS LICENCE, BUSINESS NAME REGISTRATION AND OTHER CERTIFICATIONS

Specify all the business activities that will be conducted at the Bingo Market premises or place of Bingo Fundraiser.

□Bingo Market	$300	Department of Justice and Border Control
□ Selling food and beverages	$300	Department of Justice and Border Control
□ Food Handling Certificate	$80	Department of Health and Medical Services
□ Selling bingo products & other items	$300	Department of Justice and Border Control
□ Providing paid transportation	$300	Department of Justice and Border Control

Note: *To conduct a Bingo Fundraiser or Bingo Market or Online Bingo you will require both a Gaming (Bingo) Licence and a Business Licence and you will also be required to register the name of your business [$200].*
If you are conducting other businesses in the place or premises as you have ticked above, you will be charged accordingly for your Business Licence.

You shall register the name of your business and apply for a Business Licence at the Department of Justice and Border Control — Business Section after you have acquired your Gaming (Bingo) Licence.
To sell food and beverages you will also need a food handling certificate. This shall be obtained at the Department of Health and Medical Services — Public Health.

FORM 2

(Regulation 14(2))

Application for Extension of Time Slots for Gaming (Bingo) Licence

REPUBLIC OF NAOERO
GAMING ACT 2011
APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME SLOTS FOR GAMING (BINGO) LICENCE

NAME OF APPLICANT	
TELEPHONE CONTACT	
EMAIL CONTACT	
LOCATION OF PREMISES OR VENUE AT WHICH GAME WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE LICENCE **Note:** If the game will be conducted at more than one premises/venue, specify each premises/venue.	

State current type of Gaming (Bingo) Licence:

Type of Gaming (Bingo) Licence:_____

Date Licence was issued: _____

Extension time sought (commencement date and times to be extended and days for such extensions:

Reason for Extension:

14 Amendment of Schedule 3

Schedule 3 is deleted and substituted with:

'**SCHEDULE 3**

(Regulation 6(c))

LICENCE FEES

BINGO TYPE	DURATION	LICENCE FEE
Bingo Fundraiser	One-off. 1 session - 5 games is thirty minutes 1 session – 10 games is sixty minutes *(Please note that a person may only conduct 1 session of 5 games and 1 session of 10 games per week as per Regulation 10(4))*	10% of the total prize to be awarded at the bingo fundraiser or take home bingo
Take Home Bingo	1 session - 5 games is thirty minutes	$50
	1 session – 10 games is sixty minutes *(Please note that a person may only conduct 1 session of 5 games and 1 session of 10 games per week as per Regulation 11(4))*	$100
Bingo Market (Kashock)	12 months	$6000
Online Bingo	1 per week per 12 months	$500
	2 per week per 12 months	$600
	3 per week per 12 months	$700
	4 per week per 12 months	$800
	5 per week per 12 months	$900
	6 per week per 12 months	$1000
Extension — applies to Bingo Markets and Online Bingos ONLY	To be determined by Secretary	$1000

15 Amendment of Schedule 4

Schedule 4 is amended as follows:

(a) by deleting ‘Internal Affairs’ and substitute with ‘Community and Youth’ wherever it appears; and

(b) after Form 2 insert new Forms 3 and 4 as follows:

‘**FORM 3**

REPUBLIC OF NAOERO

Gaming (Bingo) Regulations 2023

(Regulation 14(3))

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME SLOT

To: [insert name of applicant] of **[insert district]**, proprietor **of [insert business name]**

PURSUANT to Regulation 14 of the *Gaming (Bingo) Regulations 2023* take notice that the Secretary has approved your application for extension of time slots for you to operate your [insert type of bingo operation] at the times specified below:

[insert approved extended time and dates/days]

(Name and Signature)

Secretary for Community and Youth

FORM 4

REPUBLIC OF NAOERO

Gaming (Bingo) Regulations 2023

(Regulation 14(4))

REFUSAL OF APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME SLOT

To: [insert name of applicant] of **[insert district]**, proprietor of **[insert**

business name]

PURSUANT to Regulation 14 of the *Gaming (Bingo) Regulations 2023* take notice that the Secretary has refused your application for extension of time slots for you to operate your [insert type of bingo operation] on the following grounds:

[state grounds for refusal]

(Name and Signature)
Secretary for Community and Youth'.

16 Amendment of Schedule 5

Schedule 5 is deleted and substituted with:

'**SCHEDULE 5**

REPUBLIC OF NAOERO

Gaming (Bingo) Regulations 2023

(Regulation 18(8))

NOTICE TO COMPLY

To: [insert name of applicant] of **[insert district],** proprietor of **[insert business name]**

TAKE NOTICE that it has been brought to the Department's attention that an incorrect prize was awarded during your bingo fundraiser. The following are the details of the bingo fundraiser in which the alleged breach had occurred:

Date of bingo fundraiser event: *[insert details]*

Name of Bingo fundraiser operator: *[insert details]*

Licence Number*: [insert details]*

In light of the information and evidence provided, I am satisfied that the prize awarded was not the same as the prize advertised immediately prior to the first sale of a bingo booklet for the bingo fundraiser and as provided in your application for a Game (Bingo) Licence. This is a contravention of Regulation [*18(6)/(7) use the correct provision breached*].

PURSUANT to Regulation 18(8), you are hereby directed to:

(a) pay the winner the correct prize as advertised prior to the first sale of a bingo booklet for the above bingo fundraiser event and as provided in your application for a Game (Bingo) Licence; and

(b) submit proof of payment to the Secretary within 2 weeks of receipt of this notice.

If you intend to dispute this notice, you shall submit an explanation and proof to the Secretary that the correct prize was paid in accordance with Regulation 18(9)(b).

Failure to comply with the above requirements will render you ineligible to be issued a bingo fundraiser licence for a period of two weeks commencing from the expiry of 2 weeks under Regulation 18(8).

(Name and Signature)
Secretary for Community and Youth

Note: Acceptable proof of payment may include, the winner's signed acknowledgment of receipt, bank transfer confirmation, receipt or any other evidence deemed satisfactory to the Secretary.'.