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Amending Legislation	Certified	Date of Commencement
Revised Written Laws Act 2021 No 7	1 June 2021	1 June 2021
Constitution (Amendment) (No 2) Act 2026 No 21	12 May 2026	s 5: 12 May 2026

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An Act to regulate gaming and for related purposes.

Enacted by the Parliament of Naoero as follows:
[cl am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

PART 1 — PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Gaming Act 2011*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences 1 month after it receives the certificate of the Speaker under Article 47 and came into effect on 3 December 2011.

3 Definitions

In this Act:

'authorised officer' means a person appointed under Section 24;

'betting' includes the placing or accepting of bets;

'exempt game' has the same meaning given to it in Section 4(1);

'exempt private game' has the same meaning given to it in Section 4(2);

'gaming licence' means a licence granted under Section 6(1);

'gaming machine' means a device that is designed:
(a) for the playing of a game of chance or of mixed chance and skill; and
(b) for paying out money or tokens or for registering a right to an amount of money or money's worth to be paid;

'information notice', for a decision, means a written notice to a person specifying the following:
(a) the decision;
(b) the reasons for the decision; and
(c) that the person may apply to the Minister for review of the decision within 28 days after receiving the notice;

'licence fee', for a gaming licence, means the prescribed fee for the licence;

'licencee', for a gaming licence, means the person who is granted the licence;

'lottery' means a scheme or device, other than bingo, in which the success or otherwise of participants is governed by numbers, tickets or tokens drawn or determined in a way that involves a degree of chance;

'prescribed' means prescribed by Regulations;

'proposed decision notice', for a proposed decision, means a written notice to a person specifying the following:
(a) the proposed decision;
(b) the reasons for the proposed decision; and
(c) that the person may make written submissions to the person giving the notice about the proposed decision within 7 days after receiving it;

'Secretary' means the Head of Department responsible for this Act;

'table game' means a game or a variation of a game, specified in Schedule 1;

'unlawful betting' means betting on an unlawful game; and

'unlawful game' means a game:

(a) of chance or of mixed chance and skill, in which money or any other valuable thing is offered as a prize or is staked or risked, by a participant or someone else, on an event or contingency; and

(b) that is not an exempt game.

4 Meaning of 'exempt game' and 'exempt private game'

(1) An ***'exempt game'*** is a game that is:

(a) conducted in accordance with a gaming licence;

(b) authorised under another written law;

(c) an exempt private game; or

(d) a raffle or game of karti for which the total value of prizes offered is less than the amount prescribed for this paragraph.

(2) An ***'exempt private game'*** is a game that is conducted:

(a) otherwise than for a commercial purpose;

(b) so that:

(i) the only way a participant in the game can make a profit or gain any other benefit as a result of the conduct of the game is by winning a bet; and

(ii) the rules of the game provide the same chance of winning a bet for all participants; and

(c) in accordance with any prescribed conditions.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(a), a game is taken to be conducted for a commercial purpose if:

(a) a fee is charged to participate in the game or to enter the place where the game is conducted, other than a fee intended to cover the reasonable cost of food or beverages provided at the place; or

(b) a charge, commission or fee is deducted from any amount bet or won by a participant in the game.

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PART 2 — GAMING LICENCES

5 Application for gaming licence

(1) A person may apply to the Secretary for a licence to conduct:
  (a) bingo;
  (b) betting on sports or other events;
  (c) a lottery;
  (d) a game to be played on a gaming machine; or
  (e) one or more table games.

(2) The application shall be:
  (a) in the prescribed form; and
  (b) accompanied by:
    (i) evidence of payment of the licence fee for the licence; or
    (ii) an application for waiver of the licence fee under Section 14.

6 Decision on application

(1) On receiving the application, the Secretary shall:
  (a) grant the licence; or
  (b) refuse to grant the licence.

(2) The Secretary may only grant the licence if he or she is satisfied that:
  (a) the applicant is a suitable person to hold the licence;
  (b) the rules of the game to be conducted under the licence are fair and reasonable;
  (c) the rules and methods of conducting the game can be easily understood by participants;
  (d) if the application is for a licence to conduct betting on a sport or other event, that the conduct of the sport or event is lawful:
    (i) if the sport or event is conducted in the Republic — in the Republic; or
    (ii) if the sport or event is conducted in another place — in the place it is conducted; and
  (e) any other prescribed criteria for granting the licence are met.

(3) If the Secretary decides to refuse to grant the licence, the Secretary shall give the applicant an information notice for the decision.

7 Suitability of applicant to hold gaming licence

(1) In deciding, for Section 6(2)(a), whether the applicant is a suitable person to hold the licence, the Secretary may consider any relevant matter, including the following:
  (a) the character of the applicant;
  (b) the financial position of the applicant; and
  (c) any other prescribed matter.

(2) The applicant is taken not to be a suitable person to hold the licence if:
  (a) the applicant has been refused a licence or had a licence cancelled, within 12 months before the application is made; or

(b) the applicant or a person acting in the person's capacity as an agent or employee of the applicant, has contravened this Act within 5 years before the application is made.

8 Licence may be granted for period or event

(1) A gaming licence may be granted:
(a) for the conduct of a game over a period; or
(b) for a single event.

(2) A licence to conduct bingo may only be granted for a single event.

9 Form of licence

A gaming licence shall:
(a) be in writing;
(b) identify or describe:
(i) each game that may be conducted under the licence; and
(ii) each place at which the game may be conducted; and
(c) state:
(i) the name of the licencee;
(ii) the period of the licence; and
(iii) the conditions of the licence.

10 Conditions of licence

A gaming licence is subject to the following conditions:
(a) the licence shall be displayed at each place at which a game is conducted under the licence;
(b) the game shall be conducted in a competent and fair manner by a person who is at least 18 years old;
(c) the licencee shall ensure that each participant in the game is at least 18 years old;
(d) the licencee shall keep a record of any prescribed information;
(e) the licencee shall comply with this Act;
(f) the licencee shall not conduct a game under the licence at any place that is not specified in the licence as a place at which the game may be conducted;
(g) any other conditions that are specified in the licence or prescribed; and
(h) if the licence fee for the licence has been waived under Section 14, the additional conditions specified in Section 14(4).

11 Renewal of licence

(1) This Section does not apply to a gaming licence that is granted for a single event.

(2) A licencee who wishes to renew a gaming licence shall apply to the Secretary for the renewal at least 1 month before the licence expires.

(3) If the application is not decided before the licence expires, the licence continues in force until the application is decided.

(4) Sections 5 to 7 apply to the application as if it were an application for a new licence.

12 Variation of licence conditions

(1) The Secretary may vary the conditions of a gaming licence:
(a) on the application of the licencee; or
(b) on the Secretary's initiative.

(2) Before deciding to vary the conditions of a licence under subsection (1)(b), the Secretary shall:
(a) give the licencee a proposed decision notice for the decision; and
(b) consider any submissions received in response to the notice.

(3) If the Secretary varies the conditions of a licence, the Secretary shall issue a new copy of the licence to the licencee showing the new conditions.

(4) If the Secretary decides to vary the conditions of the licence under subsection (1)(b), the Secretary shall give the licencee an information notice for the decision.

13 Suspension or cancellation of licence

(1) The Secretary may suspend a gaming licence if:
(a) the Secretary suspects on reasonable grounds that the licencee:
(i) has failed to comply with a condition of the licence; or
(ii) is no longer a suitable person to hold the licence; and
(b) the suspension is necessary while the Secretary determines whether the licence should be cancelled.

(2) If the Secretary suspends the licence, the Secretary shall give the licencee a notice specifying:
(a) the reason for the suspension; and
(b) the circumstances in which the suspension will be lifted.

(3) The Secretary shall cancel a gaming licence if:
(a) the licencee is convicted of an offence against Section 22; or
(b) the Secretary believes on reasonable grounds that the licencee is no longer a suitable person to hold the licence.

(4) The Secretary may cancel a gaming licence if the Secretary believes on reasonable grounds that the licencee has failed to comply with a licence condition, even if the licencee has not been charged with or convicted of an offence against Section 22.

(5) Before deciding to cancel a gaming licence, the Secretary shall:
(a) give the licencee a proposed decision notice for the decision; and
(b) consider any submissions received in response to the notice.

(6) If the Secretary decides to cancel the licence, the Secretary shall give the licencee an information notice for the decision.

14 Waiver of licence fee

(1) A person may apply to the Secretary for waiver of the licence fee for a gaming licence to conduct one of the following games for a charitable purpose:
(a) a raffle; or
(b) karti.

(2) The Secretary may waive the fee if the Secretary is satisfied that the primary purpose of conducting the game is to raise funds for a charitable purpose.

(3) The Secretary may only waive the fee in relation to a licence for a single event.

(4) In addition to the conditions mentioned in Section 10(a) to (g), a gaming licence for which the fee is waived under this Section is subject to the following conditions:

(a) the following matters shall be included on all tickets for the game or displayed at all places where tickets for the game can be obtained:

(i) the charitable purpose for which funds will be raised, which shall be the same as the charitable purpose stated in the application for the waiver; and

(ii) the minimum percentage of funds raised by the game that will be used for the charitable purpose; and

(b) the percentage disclosed under paragraph (a), or more, of the funds raised by the game shall be used for the charitable purpose stated in the application for the waiver.

15 Refund of licence fee – refusal to grant licence

(1) This Section applies if:

(a) a person applies for a gaming licence;

(b) the person pays the licence fee for the licence; and

(c) the Secretary refuses to grant the licence.

(2) The Secretary shall refund the licence fee to the person.

16 Refund of licence fee – return of licence

(1) This Section applies if:

(a) a person applies for a gaming licence to conduct a game;

(b) the person pays the licence fee for the licence; and

(c) the person does not conduct a game under the licence at any time:

(i) for reasons beyond the person's control; or

(ii) because the licence has been issued subject to conditions that the licencee is not willing to accept.

(2) The person may return the licence to the Secretary within 14 days after it is granted.

(3) If the person returns the licence under subsection (2), the Secretary shall refund the licence fee to the person.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (1)(c), a person conducts a game if the person:

(a) begins the game; or

(b) accepts bets or sells tickets for the game.

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17 Arranging unlawful gaming and betting

A person commits an offence if the person arranges:

(a) an unlawful game; or

(b) unlawful betting.

Maximum penalty: $50,000 and 2 years imprisonment.

18 Conducting unlawful gaming or betting

A person commits an offence if the person conducts:

(a) an unlawful game; or

(b) unlawful betting.

Maximum penalty: $50,000 and 2 years imprisonment.

19 Person in charge of place used for unlawful gaming or betting

(1) A person commits an offence if the person:

(a) is in charge of a place being used for the conduct of an unlawful game; and

(b) knows the place is being used for the conduct of an unlawful game.

Maximum penalty: $10,000 and 6 months imprisonment.

(2) A person commits an offence if the person:

(a) is in charge of a place being used for the conduct of unlawful betting; and

(b) knows the place is being used for the conduct of unlawful betting.

Maximum penalty: $10,000 and 6 months imprisonment.

20 Advertising unlawful gaming or betting

A person commits an offence if the person:

(a) places, displays or broadcasts an advertisement for an unlawful game or unlawful betting; or

(b) does anything else that promotes or entices a person to participate in, an unlawful game or unlawful betting.

Maximum penalty: $10,000 and 6 months imprisonment.

21 Participating in unlawful gaming or betting

(1) A person commits an offence if the person:

(a) participates in an unlawful game; and

(b) knows the game is an unlawful game.

Maximum penalty: $10,000 and 6 months imprisonment.

(2) A person commits an offence if the person:

(a) participates in unlawful betting; and

(b) knows the betting is unlawful betting.

Maximum penalty: $10,000 and 6 months imprisonment.

22 Failure to comply with licence condition

A licencee for a gaming licence commits an offence if the licencee fails to comply with a condition of the licence.

Maximum penalty: $20,000 and 12 months imprisonment.

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23 Review of decision

(1) A person who is entitled to be given an information notice for a decision may apply to the Minister for review of the decision.

(2) The application for review shall be made within 28 days after:
   (a) if the person receives an information notice for the decision, the day the person receives the notice; or
   (b) if the person does not receive an information notice for the decision, the day the person becomes aware of the decision.

(3) The application shall be in writing and shall set out the reasons for the application.

(4) The Minister shall, in considering application for review may:
   (a) affirm;
   (b) vary;
   (c) set aside; or
   (d) substitute,

   a decision.

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PART 5 — ENFORCEMENT

24 Appointment of authorised officers

The Secretary may appoint a person to be an authorised officer.

25 Identity cards

(1) The Secretary shall issue to a person appointed as an authorised officer an identity card:
  (a) specifying the person's name;
  (b) including a recent photograph of the person; and
  (c) stating that the person is an authorised officer for this Act.

(2) A person who has been issued with an identity card under subsection (1) and ceases to be an authorised officer shall return the card to the Secretary as soon as practicable.

Maximum penalty: $50.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply if the person has a reasonable excuse.

26 General powers and functions of authorised officers

(1) An authorised officer has the following powers and functions:
  (a) to ensure this Act is complied with; and
  (b) any other powers or functions given to the officer by this Act or another written law.

(2) When exercising a power or performing a function, an authorised officer is subject to the directions of the Secretary.

27 Powers of entry and investigation – authorised officers

For the performance of an authorised officer's functions, an authorised officer may:

(a) enter:
  (i) a public place; or
  (ii) a place that is used as commercial premises, including any part of the place, other than a residential part of the place, to which access is ordinarily restricted to persons who own, manage or are employed at the place; and

(b) do any of the following:
  (i) inspect the place or anything found at the place;
  (ii) open a container, receptacle or package found at the place;
  (iii) seize and remove anything found at the place;
  (iv) require a person at the place to answer questions, produce a document or thing under the person's control or give any other assistance the officer requires to carry out his or her functions;
  (v) examine, copy or take extracts from a document found at the place; or
  (vi) take photographs, films or audio, video or other recordings.

28 Powers of entry and investigation – police officers

A police officer may enter any place, including residential premises, and do

anything mentioned in Section 27(b), if the police officer reasonably believes doing so may disclose evidence of or otherwise relates to an offence against this Act.

29 Obstruction of authorised officer

A person shall not obstruct an authorised officer exercising a power or performing a function under this Act or another written law.

Maximum penalty: $10,000 and 6 months imprisonment.

30 Complaints about licencee

A person may complain to the Secretary about the conduct of a licencee.

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PART 6 — ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

31 Regulations

(1) The Cabinet may make regulations under this Act.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the regulations may:

(a) prescribe the fees payable under this Act;

(b) prescribe, as a condition of a gaming licence, a requirement for the licencee to pay a bond, to be held by the Republic, as security for prize money offered by the licencee in relation to a game conducted under the licence;

(c) give a person discretion to decide a matter; and

(d) apply, adopt or incorporate, with or without changes, the whole or part of a document as in force or existing at a particular time or from time to time.

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SCHEDULE 1

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Amending Legislation	Notified	Date of Commencement
Gaming (Amendment) Regulations 2012 SL 1	30 March 2012	1 April 2012
Gaming (Amendment) Regulations 2016 SL 22	9 September 2016	9 September 2016
Revised Written Laws Act 2021 No 7	1 June 2021	1 June 2021
Gaming (Bingo) Regulations 2023 SL 18	7 July 2023	7 July 2023
Constitution (Amendment) (No 2) Act 2026 No 21	12 May 2026	s 5: 12 May 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 Regulations 2011*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on 3 December 2011.

3 Licence fees

For the definition of '***licence fee***' in Section 3 of the Act, the licence fee for a gaming licence to conduct a game specified in Schedule 1, column 2 for the duration specified opposite in column 3 is the amount specified opposite in column 4.

4 Prescribed form

For the purposes of Section 5(2)(a) of the Act, the prescribed form for an application for a gaming licence is set out in Schedule 2.

5 Exempt games – raffles and karti

For the purposes of Section 4(1)(d) of the Act, the amount prescribed is $250.

[Note for regulation 5: This means that a raffle or game of karti for which the total value of prizes offered is less than $250 is an exempt game under the Act.]

6 Transitional matter – games other than bingo

(1) This Regulation applies to a game mentioned in Section 5(1) of the Act, other than bingo, that is conducted:
  (a) after the commencement of these Regulations; and
  (b) before 1 April 2012.

(2) The game is taken to be conducted in accordance with a gaming licence.

(3) This Regulation expires on 1 April 2012.

[Note for regulation 6: This means that the game is an exempt game until 1 April 2012. If the person who conducts the game does not hold a gaming licence to conduct the game before 1 April 2012 and continues to conduct the game, the game will no longer be an exempt game and will instead be an unlawful game.]

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SCHEDULE 1

[Regulation 3]

LICENCE FEES

[Sch 1 subst SL 22 of 2016 reg 4, opn 9 Sep 2016; am SL 18 of 2023 reg 25, opn 7 July 2023]

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Game	Column 3 Duration of licence	Column 4 Fee
1	[Repealed]		
2	Betting on sports or other events	Single event	$250
		12 months	$10,000 per premises
3	Lottery	Single event	$250
		12 months	$5,000 per premises
4	Game to be played on a gaming machine	12 months	$5,000 per premises
5	Table games	Single event	$250
		12 months	$2,500 per premises

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SCHEDULE 2

[Sch 2 am SL 18 of 2023 reg 25, opn 7 July 2023; Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

REPUBLIC OF NAOERO

GAMING ACT 2011

[Regulation 4]

APPLICATION FOR GAMING LICENCE

Name of applicant	
Telephone contact	
Email contact	
Place at which game will be conducted under licence *Note: If game will be conducted at more than one place, specify each place*	

Game to be conducted under licence

□ Betting on sports or other events

Specify each sport or event:

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□ Lottery

Specify type of lottery:

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□ Gaming machine game

Specify each game:

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Specify total number of gaming machines:

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□ Table games

Specify each game:

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Duration of licence

□ 12 months

Before you submit your application:

- *pay the licence fee and attach evidence of the payment to this form; OR*
- *if you are applying for a licence to conduct a raffle or karti for a charitable purpose and would like to apply for waiver of the licence fee – attach an application (in the form of a letter) for the waiver, specifying the charitable purpose.*

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The Gaming (Bingo) Regulations 2023 SL 18 were notified and commenced on 7 July 2023 (GN No 748/2023; Gaz 132/2023).

Amending Legislation	Notified	Date of Commencement
Constitution (Amendment) (No 2) Act 2026 No 21	12 May 2026	s 5: 12 May 2026
Gaming (Bingo) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 No 29	10 July 2026	10 July 2026

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

PART 1 — PRELIMINARY

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Gaming (Bingo) Regulations 2023*.

2 Commencement

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

3 Interpretation

(1) In these Regulations:

'Act' means the *Gaming Act 2011*;

'bingo' means an exempt game with a chance of winning that is dependent on a set of numbers in a bingo booklet purchased and daubed by a bingo player according to whether the numbers are called out by the bingo caller, and where the winner of the game is the first bingo player to completely daub the required sequence of numbers as they are called;

'bingo booklet' means the booklet used in bingo which contains a set of numbers to be daubed by a bingo player;

'bingo caller' means a person, an application, software or any other device that calls out the numbers during bingo;

'bingo fundraiser' means a single event bingo that is licensed to be conducted by a session or multiple sessions on a one-off basis, and where the Gaming (Bingo) Licence for the bingo fundraiser expires at the end of that one single event upon which time a new licence shall be applied for if another bingo fundraiser event is to be conducted;

'bingo fundraiser operator' means a person who is licensed to conduct a bingo fundraiser and includes any person who is hired, employed or authorised by the former person to conduct the bingo fundraiser;

'bingo market' means a continuous bingo game that is licensed to be conducted for a limited daily time period as per the weekly frequency applied for, and where the Gaming (Bingo) Licence for the bingo market expires at the end of 12 months upon which time a new licence shall be applied for, to continue the bingo market;

'bingo market operator' means a person who is licensed to conduct a bingo market and includes any person who is hired, employed or authorised by the former person to conduct the bingo market;

[def am SL 29 of 2026 reg 4(a), opn 10 July 2026]

'bingo operator' means a bingo fundraiser operator, take-home bingo operator, bingo market operator or online bingo operator;

'bingo player' means a person who purchases a valid bingo booklet for the purposes of playing bingo;

'bingo runner' means a person who verifies the winning numbers of a bingo player with the bingo caller;

'Business Licence' means a business licence granted to a person under the *Business Licences Act 2017*;

'Business Licensing Division' means the Business Registration, Business Licensing, Security Licensing, Import Licensing and Beneficial Ownership Division under the Department of Justice and Border Control;

'child' means a person who is under the age of 18 years;

'daub' means to highlight a number that is called out by a bingo caller;

'Gaming (Bingo) Licence' means a gaming licence granted to a person under Section 6 of the Act authorising the person to conduct bingo, and includes an Interim Gaming (Bingo) Licence granted to a person under Regulation 22;

'jackpot prize' means the top prize in a game or contest that is typically a large fund of money formed by the accumulation of unwon prizes;

'legitimate items' means items that are legal in Naoero;

[def am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

'licence fee' means the Gaming (Bingo) Licence fee;

'no taker prize' means the giveaway prize where the jackpot prize is not won;

'online bingo' means bingo that requires the use of Internet data to be conducted and played online;

'online bingo operator' means a person who is licensed to conduct online bingo and includes any person who is hired, employed or authorised by the former person to conduct the online bingo;

'premises' means the place where a bingo market is authorised to be conducted under a Gaming (Bingo) Licence;

'Secretary', for the purposes of these Regulations, means the Head of the Department of Community and Youth;

[def am SL 29 of 2026 reg 4(b), opn 10 July 2026]

'statutory public holiday' means a public holiday under Section 81 of the *Public Service Act 2016*;

'take-home bingo' means a single event bingo where a bingo booklet:

(a) is purchased by a bingo player;
(b) includes a set sequence of pre-called numbers;
(c) may be daubed at the bingo player's home or any other place; and
(d) is submitted to the take-home bingo operator at a particular date to determine the winning booklet;

'take-home bingo operator' means a person who is licensed to conduct a take-home bingo and includes any person who is hired or employed by the former person to conduct the take-home bingo;

'time slots' means the allocated times permitted for bingo fundraisers to be conducted;

'valid bingo booklet' means a bingo booklet marked by a bingo operator to show that it was purchased or obtained by a bingo player at that particular bingo;

'vehicle' has the meaning given to it under Section 5(1) of the *Motor Traffic Act 2014*; and

'venue' means the place where a bingo, other than a bingo market, is authorised to be conducted under a Gaming (Bingo) Licence.

(2) In these Regulations, words and phrases have the same meaning as those under the Act.

4 Application

These Regulations shall apply to all the types of bingo set out in Schedule 1.

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5 Licences required to conduct bingo

A person shall not conduct bingo unless the person holds a valid:

(a) Business Licence; and

(b) Gaming (Bingo) Licence.

6 Application for Gaming (Bingo) Licence

For the purposes of Section 5 of the Act, an application for a Gaming (Bingo) Licence shall be:

(a) made to the Secretary in Form 1 as set out in Schedule 2;

(b) accompanied by the required particulars; and

(c) accompanied by evidence of payment of the licence fee as set out in Schedule 3; or

(d) where waiver of the licence fee is sought under Section 14 of the Act, accompanied by an application for a waiver of the licence fee.

[reg 6 am SL 29 of 2026 reg 5, opn 10 July 2026]

7 Decision of the Secretary

(1) Where the Secretary grants the Gaming (Bingo) Licence, the licence shall be issued in the form as set out in Form 1 of Schedule 4.

(2) Where the Secretary refuses to grant the Gaming (Bingo) Licence, he or she shall:

(a) inform the applicant in writing in the form as set out in Form 2 of Schedule 4; and

(b) provide the reason for the refusal.

8 Duration of bingo

The licence fee for a Gaming (Bingo) Licence as set out in Schedule 3 applies to the duration of the bingo as set out in column 2 of the table in Schedule 3 for which the Gaming (Bingo) Licence is granted.

9 Display of licences

(1) The Business Licence and Gaming (Bingo) Licence shall be displayed at a conspicuous place at the premises or venue of the bingo.

(2) Subject to Regulation 15, where a person is licensed to conduct bingo at multiple premises or venues, the person shall display his or her Business Licence and Gaming (Bingo) Licence at a conspicuous place at each of the premises or venues.

(3) An online bingo operator shall display his or her Business Licence and Gaming (Bingo) Licence on the social media group cover page for the online bingo.

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PART 3 — TYPES OF BINGO

10 Bingo fundraiser

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

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

[subreg (2) subst SL 29 of 2026 reg 6, opn 10 July 2026]

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

[subreg (3) subst SL 29 of 2026 reg 6, opn 10 July 2026]

(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.

[subreg (4) subst SL 29 of 2026 reg 6, opn 10 July 2026]

11 Take-home bingo

(1) A take-home bingo operator shall be licensed to operate a take-home bingo.

(2) A take-home bingo operator shall be subject to payment of the licence fee prescribed for a bingo fundraiser operator in Schedule 3.

(3) A take-home bingo operator shall produce a copy of his or her valid Business Licence and Gaming (Bingo) Licence when:

(a) requested to do so by a bingo player; or

(b) required to do so by an authorised officer.

(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.

[subreg (4) insrt SL 29 of 2026 reg 7, opn 10 July 2026]

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.

[reg 12 subst SL 29 of 2026 reg 8, opn 10 July 2026]

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13 Days and time slots

A bingo operator shall conduct bingo only on the specified days and time slots as allocated by the Secretary.

[reg 13 am SL 29 of 2026 reg 9, opn 10 July 2026]

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.

[reg 14 subst SL 29 of 2026 reg 10, opn 10 July 2026]

15 Premises, venues or page

(1) A bingo market shall be conducted at the premises authorised by a Gaming (Bingo) Licence that has been granted for the bingo market.

(2) Bingo, other than a bingo market, shall be conducted at the venue authorised by a Gaming (Bingo) Licence that has been granted for the bingo.

(3) Each premises and venue shall be charged separate licence fees.

(4) Each premises and venue shall display the Business Licence and Gaming (Bingo) Licence for the bingo conducted at that particular premises and venue.

16 Bingo caller to show proof

A bingo caller shall show proof to a bingo player:

(a) of all the numbers that have been called;

(b) that the winning numbers are included in the sequence of numbers that have been called; and

(c) that the winner of a bingo fundraiser or jackpot prize has a valid bingo booklet.

17 Bingo runner to verify with a bingo caller in the presence of a witness

A bingo runner shall verify with the bingo caller in the presence of a witness that the:

(a) winner of a bingo fundraiser, take-home bingo or jack pot prize holds a valid bingo booklet; and
(b) winning numbers are included in the sequence of numbers that have been called.

18 Bingo prizes may be monetary or legitimate items

(1) Bingo prizes may be monetary or legitimate items that shall be given to the winner of a particular bingo after proof of winning has been shown and validated.

(2) Monetary prizes shall be given to a winner of a particular bingo in the form of cash in hand transaction or through electronic bank transfer.

(3) Monetary prizes shall not exceed $20,000 for each bingo type notwithstanding whether the bingo is for a jackpot prize.

(4) Where the jackpot prize with the inclusion of the no taker prize reaches $20,000, it shall be played off at the very next bingo market or online bingo.

(5) A bingo fundraiser or take-home bingo shall not offer a jackpot prize.

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

[subreg (6) insrt SL 29 of 2026 reg 11, opn 10 July 2026]

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

[subreg (7) insrt SL 29 of 2026 reg 11, opn 10 July 2026]

(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.

[subreg (8) insrt SL 29 of 2026 reg 11, opn 10 July 2026]

(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.

[subreg (9) insrt SL 29 of 2026 reg 11, opn 10 July 2026]

(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).

[subreg (10) insrt SL 29 of 2026 reg 11, opn 10 July 2026]

19 Other conditions

(1) There shall be a designated smoking area at the premises or venue where bingo is conducted.

(2) A bingo operator shall ensure that the vehicle of a bingo player does not obstruct:
  (a) the movement of neighbouring residents;
  (b) access to roads; and
  (c) main road traffic.

(3) Alcohol shall not be permitted into, consumed or sold at the premises or venue.

(4) All premises or venues shall have toilet facilities.

(5) A child shall not be permitted to:
  (a) enter and remain at the premises or venue;
  (b) purchase a bingo booklet at the premises or venue; and
  (c) play bingo at the premises or venue.

20 Bingo operators

(1) A bingo operator may conduct activities relevant to bingo operations, including:
  (a) selling bingo booklets;
  (b) performing the functions and responsibilities of a bingo caller;
  (c) performing the functions and responsibilities of a bingo runner;
  (d) preparing and giving out prizes;
  (e) assisting the elderly bingo players; and
  (f) assisting bingo players with disabilities.

(2) Any bingo player who mistreats or acts in an offensive manner toward a bingo operator may be removed from the premises or venue.

(3) Where a person is removed from the premises or venue:
  (a) his or her right to participate any further as a bingo player ceases; and
  (b) he or she is not entitled to redeem or receive any prize eventhough a prize may be declared in his or her bingo booklet.

21 Complaints

(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.

[subreg (1) subst SL 29 of 2026 reg 12, opn 10 July 2026]

(2) Where a bingo player has not received his or her prize from an unlicensed bingo operator, he or she shall not have any right to make a complaint as a consequence of his or her participation in an unlawful bingo.

22 Application for payment plans

(1) A person may apply to the Secretary for a payment plan to be made between the person and the Secretary for the payment of the licence fee for a bingo market.

(2) The Secretary may approve the application for a payment plan and grant an Interim Gaming (Bingo) Licence to the person.

(3) Where the person fails to meet the payment deadlines according to the approved payment plan, the Secretary shall:
  (a) revoke the Interim Gaming (Bingo) Licence; and
  (b) give notice to the person of the decision and reason for the revocation.

(4) Where the person pays the licence fee for a bingo market in full, the Secretary shall revoke the Interim Gaming (Bingo) Licence and grant the person a Gaming (Bingo) Licence.

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PART 5 — MISCELANEOUS

23 Protection from liability

(1) The Department of Internal Affairs, the Secretary or any other staff or employee of the Department of Internal Affairs shall not be liable for any act done or omitted to be done in good faith in the performance of a function or exercise of a power under the Act, these Regulations or any other written law.

(2) Any person acting under the Act, these Regulations or any other written law, in relation to online bingo shall not be liable to any person participating in the online bingo.

24 Transition

Where an application for a gaming licence for bingo is made in accordance with the *Gaming Regulations 2011* and the application is not determined by the Secretary before the commencement of the *Gaming (Bingo) Regulations 2023*, the application shall be dealt with by the Secretary in accordance with the requirements of the *Gaming Regulations 2011*.

25 Consequential amendments

The *Gaming Regulations 2011* is amended by:

(a) in the table in Schedule 1, deleting the row for Item 1; and

(b) in the table in Schedule 2, deleting the fields and note in relation to the game of bingo in the sixth row.

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SCHEDULE 1

(Regulation 4)

TYPES OF BINGO

1. Bingo Fundraiser
2. Take-Home Bingo
3. Bingo Market
4. Online Bingo

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SCHEDULE 2

FORM 1

(Regulation 6(a))

APPLICATION FORM FOR GAMING (BINGO) LICENCE

[Sch 2 subst SL 29 of 2026 reg 13, opn 10 July 2026]



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

NAME OF APPLICANT	
TELEPHONE CONTACT	
EMAIL CONTACT	
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.	
□ **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	□ **BINGO MARKET (Kashock)** Fee: $6,000
□ **TAKE HOME BINGO** Fee: 5 games — $50 per session 10 games — $100 per session	□ **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 $1,000
DURATION [specify the dates and time being proposed for the type of bingo to be played]:	
NUMBER OF SESSIONS AND GAMES:	**Specify how many times a week for the year you will be conducting your Bingo Market/Online Bingo**

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.*	

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 and 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:	

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SCHEDULE 3

(Regulation 6(c))

LICENCE FEES

[Sch 3 subst SL 29 of 2026 reg 14, opn 10 July 2026]

BINGO TYPE	DURATION	LICENCE FEE
Bingo Fundraiser	One-off	10% of the total prize to be awarded at the bingo fundraiser or take home bingo
	1 session – 5 games is 30 minutes 1 session – 10 games is 60 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))*	
Take Home Bingo	1 session – 5 games is 30 minutes	$50
	1 session – 10 games is 60 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

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SCHEDULE 4

FORM 1



GAMING (BINGO) REGULATIONS 2023

(Regulation 7(1))

GAMING (BINGO) LICENCE

[insert name of applicant] of **[insert district]**, proprietor of **[insert business name]** is hereby licensed to operate a **[insert type of bingo]** at **[insert premises or venue]** in **[insert district]**.

This licence is valid for **[insert duration of games]** on **[insert day and date]** at **[insert time slot]**.

This licence is valid from the date of issue of this licence and is subject to the following conditions:

[insert conditions]

Secretary for Community and Youth

Licence No	:	
Licence fee paid	:	
Date licence fee paid	:	
TIN Number	:	

[Form 1 am SL 29 of 2026 reg 15(a), opn 10 July 2026]

FORM 2

(Regulation 7(2)(a))

REFUSAL TO GRANT GAMING (BINGO) LICENCE

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

Your application for a Gaming (Bingo) Licence on **[insert date of application]** is hereby refused for the following reason(s):

[insert reason(s) for refusal]

You are not authorised to conduct bingo at any premises or venue.

Secretary for Community and Youth

[Form 2 am SL 29 of 2026 reg 15(a), opn 10 July 2026]

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 3 insrt SL 29 of 2026 reg 15(b), opn 10 July 2026]

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

[Form 4 insrt SL 29 of 2026 reg 15(b), opn 10 July 2026]

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SCHEDULE 5

REPUBLIC OF NAOERO
Gaming (Bingo) Regulations 2023

(Regulation 18(8))

NOTICE TO COMPLY

[Sch 5 subst SL 29 of 2026 reg 16, opn 10 July 2026]

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.

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