

Gambling Fact Sheet #16

Class 3 Gambling Questions

& Answers

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Q. How do I know if I need to apply for a Class 3 Operator's Licence?

A. Your society needs to confirm that the application meets the definition and requirements of Class 3 gambling, as described in sections 27 and 28 of the Gambling Act 2003.

Q. Do we need to be a corporate society?

A. If the proposed gambling activity is to be conducted regularly, (regularly is defined as sessions of more than one game) you must provide evidence with your application that you are a corporate society as defined in section 4 of the Gambling Act.

If the gambling is not conducted regularly, you need to be a society to conduct Class 3 gambling.

Q. What happens to the money raised through Class 3 gambling?

A. A key purpose of the Gambling Act is to ensure that money obtained from gambling benefits the community.

With the exception of private gambling and Class 1 gambling conducted by individuals, the Gambling Act requires that net proceeds from Class 1 to 4 gambling be applied or distributed to 'authorised purposes'.

An authorised purpose for Class 1, 2 and 3 gambling can be any of the following purposes:

- a charitable purpose
- a non-commercial purpose that is beneficial to the whole or a section of the community
- promoting, controlling, and conducting race meetings under the Racing Act 2003, including the payment of stakes
- an electioneering purpose.

Q. I am applying to run a housie session. Where do I find out what the rules are?

A. Game rules for housie, calcuttas, lotteries, prize competitions, instant games and games of chance are available from the Department's website: www.dia.govt.nz/gambling

See: Fact Sheet 10 - Housie for more information.

Q. What other information will I need to send with my application?

A. You will need to provide information about:

- The gambling activity and prizes offered (including the retail value of any non-cash prizes). Note: Non-cash prizes cannot be offered for Housie – only cash prizes can lawfully be offered or won for this activity.
- The duration and frequency of activity
- The cost of entering the gambling activity
- Financial viability of the proposed gambling operation.

You will need to complete an application for a Class 3 Operator's Licence.

Visit the Department's website to find out how to apply for a Class 3 Operator's Licence: www.dia.govt.nz/gambling