



Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation

I-GAMING LICENSING AND REGULATION GROUP

Electronic Gaming Licensing Department



MEMORANDUM

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TO : ALL SERVICE PROVIDERS
ALL GAMING VENUE OPERATORS
ALL GLDD-ENROLLED SUPPLIERS
ALL LICENSEES OF INTEGRATED RESORTS
ALL CONCERNED PARTIES

FROM : THE ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT II

SUBJECT : TRANSITION PERIOD FOR THE NEW REGULATORY
FRAMEWORK AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UPDATED
EXISTING REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS

In furtherance of the implementation of the new Regulatory Framework, please be informed that the PAGCOR's Board of Directors, in its meeting held on 31 July 2024, approved the following guidelines:

1. **Transitory period for the new Regulatory Framework for the Accreditation of Service Providers and Processing of System-Related Requests (New Regulatory Framework)**
 - a) All Gaming System Service Providers shall comply with the provisions of all existing regulatory frameworks issued by the Electronic Gaming Licensing Department (EGLD).
 - b) Imposition of a transition period until 31 December 2024 for the implementation of the new Regulatory Framework. Compliance with the provisions of the regulatory frameworks during the transition period shall be solely determined by EGLD.
 - c) The requirement in the new Regulatory Framework that only Content Provider with an ISO17025-accredited test facility may opt to submit a certification for the conduct of extensive testing on each game, shall be deleted. Previous requirements on game testing shall be maintained.
 - d) Implementation of the new provision on the required minimum number of terminals shall be waived until the end date of the transition period. Otherwise, a corresponding penalty / fine amounting to Thirty Thousand Pesos (PhP30,000.00) for every month of non-compliance.

- e) The Return-to-Player (RTP) percentage for electronic bingo (eBingo) games shall be from eighty-eight percent (88%) to less than ninety-seven percent (97%), in lieu of the previously prescribed RTP%.

2. Online Poker Games

- a) The Gaming System Service Providers (GSSP) for Online Poker Games shall establish or contract operational Poker Club/s, as follows:
 - i. For a newly accredited GSSP, at least one Poker Club prior to commencement, then at least two (2) operational Poker Clubs within twelve (12) months from the commencement date, and five (5) operational Poker Clubs within twenty-four (24) months from the commencement date.
 - ii. For the converted GSSP for Online Poker Games, at least two (2) operational Poker Clubs on or before 31 December 2024 and five (5) operational Poker Clubs on or before 31 December 2025.
- b) The GSSP (on behalf of the Operators) shall remit to PAGCOR, on a per Poker Club basis, the PAGCOR Share of Fifteen Percent (15%) of the total collection (gross rake contribution, tournament entry fees, jackpot rake administrative fees) beginning on 01 July 2024. The option to remit a monthly Minimum Guaranteed Fee (MGF) shall no longer apply.

3. Numeric Games and Specialty Games

As the provisions of the new regulatory framework shall apply to all game offerings, the following additional guidelines shall specifically apply to the recently approved Numeric Games and Specialty Games:

- a) For Numeric Games, the minimum number of gaming terminals to be installed at a Gaming Venue prior to commencement of its live commercial operations shall be at least one gaming (or betting) terminal.
- b) For Numeric Games, the minimum bet shall be not less than Five Pesos (PhP5.00).
- c) The Return-To-Player (RTP) percentage of an RNG-based Numeric Game (along with Specialty Game) shall be from sixty percent (60%) to less than ninety-seven percent (97%), while live-streamed numeric games (along with specialty games) shall be similar to those of their equivalent live games

4. Partial lifting of the moratorium on accepting new applicants for accreditation of Service Providers

As the moratorium on accepting applications from new applicants was imposed effective 01 March 2024, applications for accreditation as GSSP filed by the following entities as new applicants shall be accepted and processed

by EGLD:

- a) Licensees of Integrated Resorts
- b) Suppliers of gaming equipment and paraphernalia enrolled with GLDD before 01 March 2024
- c) Applicants for Accreditation as a Data/Content Streaming Provider.

5. Amendments / Revisions to the Regulatory Framework for the Fees and Rates on Gaming Venue Operations

The following additional amendments/revisions to the existing ***Regulatory Framework for the Fees and Rates on Gaming Venue Operations, Rev. No. 1*** shall be implemented effective 01 July 2024:

- a) Application and inclusion of the new rates according to game type for PAGCOR Share for Specialty Games, amending Item 1 under Article IV (Monetary Obligations) of the regulatory framework, in consideration of the type of specialty games being offered whether live streamed or Random Number Generator (RNG)-based games, as follows:

Game Offerings		PAGCOR Share Rate	Billing Period
Specialty Games	Live-streamed	15.00%	August 2023 onwards
	RNG-based	35.00%	July 2024 onwards
		30.00%	January 2025 onwards

- b) To implement that all Operators remit to PAGCOR the Audit Fee whether the EGS, OGP and games are integrated with the third-party audit platform or not, Item 2 under IV (Monetary Obligations) shall be revised, as follows:

“Remittance of PAGCOR Share computed from the above rates shall still be subject to an additional ten percent (10%) audit fee, computed based on the PAGCOR Share, for all games except for on-site games utilizing an electronic gaming system for locally linked gaming machines (within the gaming venue).”

- c) Implementation for effective processing of request for refund of Performance Cash Deposit (PCD), the following documentary requirements, among others, shall be included for submission by the Operator under Item 13.a under Article III. (Performance Cash Deposit), to be required for all new applications:
 - i. Duly accomplished Application for Refund of Performance Cash Deposit (EG Form No. 40)
 - ii. Notarized sworn affidavit stating that the arrears with the Operator’s stakeholders of the gaming venue (i.e. rent, utilities, salaries of employees) have been paid
 - iii. Copy of latest General Information Sheet (GIS)

iv. Original copy of Gaming License.

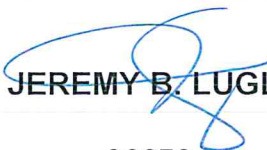
6. Updated Versions of Existing Regulatory Frameworks

- a) The recommended amendments, inclusion and/or revisions to the provisions of the above-cited regulatory frameworks shall repeal all of the related/affected provisions of all existing guidelines and/or EGLD-issued regulatory frameworks, as amended, that are inconsistent with the same.
- b) The implementation of the updated versions of the following regulatory frameworks with effectivity date of 31 July 2024:
 - i. Regulatory Framework for the Accreditation of Service Providers and Processing of System Related Requests Rev. No. 1;
 - ii. Regulatory Framework for the Fees and Rates on Gaming Venue Operations Rev. No. 2; and
 - iii. Regulatory Framework for Offenses and Penalties (Remote Gaming Operations) Rev. No. 1.

Copy of aforesaid frameworks may be viewed or downloaded through the link, <https://www.pagcor.ph/regulatory/regulatory-manual-ebld.php>.

For your information and guidance.

Thank you.


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