

Licensing changes

LICENSED PREMISES GAMING LICENCE AND VENUE LICENCE

What is changing?



- A Venue Licence will be issued for a period of up to 20 years, expiring 30 June 2043. A Licensed Premises Gaming Licence (LPGL) was issued for a maximum of 5 years.
 - Rather than a single Gaming Operator, Venue Licence holders will need to liaise with the Keno Operator regarding keno matters and Licensed Monitoring Operator for gaming machine matters.
- Applications are still assessed against the *Gaming Control Act 1993* but there are some new requirements, including:
 - the provision of more detailed financial information for venues that intend to operate EGMs;
 - confirmation that appropriate systems and processes are in place to ensure any person engaged or employed by the applicant is not subject to discrimination, harassment or other adverse action if that person provides information relating to compliance with the Act or the conduct of the licence applicant; and
 - a review of any breaches of industrial relations or workplace safety laws.
- Venue Licence holders who operate EGMs will take on some new responsibilities previously carried out by the Gaming Operator, including:
 - purchasing gaming equipment;
 - equipment maintenance and servicing; and
 - payments of jackpots and taxes.

What else do I need to know?



- An application for a Venue Licence in the lead-up period (the 12 months before 1 July 2023) can only be made by a current LPG Licence holder.
- Applications open in July 2022.
- Venue Licence applications for gaming machines in the lead-up period can only be assessed for the same number of gaming machine authorities as already authorised on the existing LPG licence.
- Annual Licence fees for gaming authorities will be split over four instalments payable on the first of July, October, January and April each year.
- The annual licence fee for keno is payable annually.

What if...



Your LPG licence is due to expire before 30 June 2023 and you intend to apply for a Venue Licence?

Submit a Venue Licence application prior to the expiry of your LPG licence.

Your LPG licence is due to expire before 30 June 2023 and you do not intend to apply for a Venue Licence?

Contact the Liquor and Gaming Branch. You can complete a LPGL renewal application but it will only authorise you to operate EGMs up until 30 June 2023.

If your venue is changing hands before 30 June 2023?

The new operators should submit a Venue Licence application.

Where can I get further information?



- For information on the new licence and regulatory model visit the [Gaming website](#).
- For assistance completing an application, contact the [THA](#).