



Gambling Act 2005 - Guidance Fact Sheet 4 Club Gaming and Club Machine Permits

There are 2 types of permits under the Gambling Act 2005 for gaming activities in members' clubs, commercial clubs and miners' welfare institutes.

These permits allow the use of gaming machines (often known as fruit machines or amusements with prizes machines) and equal chance gaming and specified banker's games. Equal chance gaming is playing games of chance that do not involve playing or staking against a bank and the chances are equally favourable to all participants for example poker and bingo.

Club Gaming Permit

- Allows up to three gaming machines. Each of the three machines must be from categories B3A, B4, C or D but only one B3A machine can be sited, by agreement, as part of this entitlement.
- Allows equal-chance gaming (for example, poker) and games of chance (for example, pontoon, chemin-de-fer) under certain restrictions.

Club Machine Permit

- Allows up to three gaming machines in total. Members' clubs and miners' welfare institutes may site up to three machines from categories B3A, B4, C or D but only one B3A machine can be sited, by agreement, as part of this entitlement. Commercial clubs may site up to three machines from categories B4, C or D (not B3A machines).

Table of Machines permitted in Clubs

Category of Machine	Proposed Maximum Stake	Proposed Maximum Prize
B3a (lottery machine – clubs & Miners Inst. only)	£2	£500
B4	£2	£400
C	£1	£100
D Cash Prize	10p	£5
D Non cash Prize (other than crane grab)	30p	£8
D Crane Grab machines	£1	£50
D Coin pusher or penny fall machine	20p	Total value of £25 of which no more than £10 may be cash
D In any other case	10p	Total value £8 of which no more than £5 may be cash

How long does a permit last?

- Permits last 10 years
- An annual fee is due at the beginning of each year from the date of grant. The first payment will become due 30 days after the first grant of the permit. An invoice will be sent to the club requesting the payment.
- At the end of 10 years an application can be made to renew the permit

How to apply

Fast Track

If your Club holds a Club Registration Certificate under the Licensing Act 2003 (this is the Certificate that permits supply of alcohol to club members and guests) you can make a fast track application for your permit.

To make a fast track application you must submit to the Licensing Team

- A completed application form
- The fast track application fee

Non Fast Track

If your club does not hold a Club Registration Certificate under the Licensing Act 2003 you cannot make a fast track application

To make a non fast track application you must submit to the Licensing Team

- A completed application form
- The application fee
- You must send copies of your application to the Gambling Commission and to Gloucester Constabulary.

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Code of Practice

The Gambling Commission issues a code of practice for the location and operation of gaming machines in clubs. Please contact the Licensing Section for a copy of the Code of Practice.

How much does a permit cost?

	New Application fee	Fast Track Application Fee (If hold Club Registration Certificate)	Renewal fee(10 yrs)	Fast Track Renewal Fee (If hold Club Registration Cert)	Annual Fee
Club Gaming Permit (Machines and Gaming)	£200	£100	£200	£100	£50
Club Machine Permit (Machines only)	£200	£100	£200	£100	£50

How do I get more information?

Contact Stroud District Council Licensing Section using the contact details below or visit our website

Contact The Gambling Commission on **0121 230 6666** or visit their website

www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk

Stroud District Council Contact Details	
Address: The Licensing Section, Stroud District Council, Council Offices, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, Glos. GL5 4UB (If calling in person we would advise you ring and make an appointment)	
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