

LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL

LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS ACT 1976 GUIDANCE NOTES FOR SMALL AND PRIVATE LOTTERIES

1. Small Lotteries

These must be incidental to certain entertainment, such as bazaars, fetes, dinners, dances or athletic events, and other entertainment of a similar character, whether limited to one day or extending over two or more days.

The sale and issue of tickets or chances in the lottery and the announcement of the result, must take place on the premises where the entertainment takes place and during its progress.

The facility to take part in a lottery or gaming must not be the only, or the only substantial inducement to persons to attend the entertainment.

Certain other conditions are shown in the summary set out overleaf.

2. Private Lotteries

These are lotteries promoted for, and in which the sale of tickets or chances is confined to either: -

- (a) persons, all of whom work on the same premises (eg office staff), or
- (b) persons who live on the same premises (eg a hostel), or
- (c) members of one society, or section thereof, which is established and conducted for purposes not connected with gaming, betting or lotteries. (The promoter must be authorised in writing by the Governing Body or Committee).

The price of every ticket or chance must be the same and must be stated on the ticket. Every ticket must show on the front of it the names and addresses of the promoters, a description of the person to whom the sale of tickets is restricted, and a statement that the prize won will not be paid or given to anyone but the actual prize-winner. No prize may be paid or handed over except in accordance with this statement.

There shall be no free or complementary tickets. All tickets must be sold for the full price, and no sale money may be returned. Tickets must not be sent through the post.

Certain other conditions are shown in the summary set out overleaf.

3. In both types of lottery described above, the ticket buyers have an opportunity to assess their chances of winning because of the size of the entertainment or the limitation of participants; are able to attend at the announcement of the result, and would be able to voice a complaint against the organisation of the lottery. It is understandable, therefore, that no external arbitrator is needed in the form of the local authority with which the lottery organisers are registered.

These notes are intended for explanatory purposes only and to assist in your decision. In cases of doubt, legal advice should be sought.

SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS CONTROLLING THE PROMOTION OF SMALL & PRIVATE
LOTTERIES

	SMALL LOTTERIES	PRIVATE LOTTERIES
1. Registration	Not Required	Not Required
2. Definition of "Society"	Not applicable	Includes a club, institution, organisation or association of persons; and each local or affiliated branch or section of a Society must be regarded as a separate and distinct Society.
3. Registration Fee	Not applicable	Not applicable
4. Lottery Schemes	Not applicable	Not applicable
5. Lottery Promoter	Not required	Must be authorised in writing by the governing body of the Society to act as such.
6. <u>Conduct of Lotteries</u>		
6.1 Frequency	Not applicable	No restriction
6.2 Ticket price	No restriction	No restriction
6.3 Information on tickets & advertising generally	Not applicable. (The lottery or raffle must be supplementary to the main purpose of the event).	Restricted to a notice on the premises of the promoting body and on the tickets for sale.
6.4 Total value of tickets	No restriction	No restriction
6.5 Ticket sales	There is no age limit for buyers and sellers of tickets. Tickets may not be sold prior to, or other than at the site of the event (which may take place over a period of one day or extended over a period of 2 or more days).	Sale of tickets confined to: - (i) Members of the Society; (ii) Persons all of whom work on the same premises; or (iii) Persons all of whom live in the same premises.
6.6 Prizes	No cash prizes permitted.	There is no age limit for buyers and sellers of tickets. Distribution of tickets by post is not permitted. Prizes may be in cash or in kind.
6.7 Permitted deductions from proceeds	Expenses of providing the fete, bazaar, etc., but NOT any expense (other than the cost of printing lottery/raffle tickets and of providing prizes up to £50) incurred in promoting the lottery.	Cost of printing and stationery.
6.8 Disposal of proceeds after permitted deduction	To be devoted to purposes other than private gain.	To be devoted to providing the prizes, or in the case of a Society, to prizes and purposes of the Society.
6.9 Submission of return	Not applicable	Not applicable

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REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE TO THE APPROPRIATE ACT FOR AUTHORITATIVE
GUIDANCE