



NATIONAL GAMING BOARD
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NATIONAL GAMING BOARD

PRESS RELEASE (LICENSING ROUND TWO)

The National Gaming Board (NGB) is a body corporate established under the Lotteries and Gaming Act No. 7 of 2016. This is the second licensing round under the Act.

The NGB was established to enforce the law relating to the conduct of lotteries, gaming, betting and casinos, to establish the national lotteries and gaming regulatory board, to provide for licensing and regulation of lotteries, gaming and betting; to provide for taxation of casinos, gaming and betting activities.

The Board is therefore mandated by law to supervise and regulate the establishment, management and operation of lotteries, gaming betting and casinos in Uganda, and to protect the citizens from the adverse effects of gaming in Uganda.

LICENSING

The activities licensed under the ACT are:

- a) Lotteries
- b) Casinos
- c) Betting houses
- d) Slot Machine operations

Licensing requirements and criterion for licensing:

- i) Applications shall be open to registered companies only (proof of incorporation).
- ii) Investment License for Foreign owned companies i.e. more than 50% foreign owned
- iii) Audited books of accounts for existing operators and Proof of capital adequacy in relation for Lotteries and Gaming (Capital adequacy) Regulations

- iv) Detailed description of the games you intend to promote / machines you intend to use and how they work. Attach a copy of the specific rules applicable to each game to be introduced.
- v) Details of Equipment as to serial numbers, make/ model, origin and proof of certification by recognized gaming standard of the equipment and / software intended to be used.
- vi) Proof of Intended physical address of business/principal location and any other secondary locations if identified. Applicant should attach proof of ownership or intention to lease premises identified or proof of any such arrangements. Premises must comply with premises guideline.
- vii) Detailed business plan. This should detail the following;
 - a) Clear statement of project objectives,
 - b) Applicants profile,
 - c) Details of investment costs and how the proposed investment will be finance: name specific sources of funds and their contracts, terms and conditions of loans if applicable.
 - d) Projected financial and economic analysis
 - e) Expected employment generation in Uganda.
 - f) Proposed implementation schedule and any other relevant information.
- viii) Proof of Tax Registration and attach tax clearance certificate if company has been existing for more than 12 months.
- ix) Particulars of Directors of the Company. This should include proof of citizenship, their legal status in Uganda and detailed curricula vitae highlighting experience in activities license is sought for.
- x) Particulars of key employees (Chief Executive, Chief of Operations, Chief of Accounts and Branch Manager/ Gaming Floor Managers for Casinos).
- xi) In case of foreign Directors/ foreign key employees work permits, Interpol clearance.
- xii) Bank account details and evidence of start-up funds for New Applicants.
- xiii) Security guarantee of prescribed amount as per activity license is sought in the prescribed format (guarantee to be submitted after approval of application by the Board).
- xiv) Proof of payment of prescribed fees (application fees). License fees to be paid after application is approved by the Board.
- xv) Detailed program of corporate social responsibility.

LICENSED OPERATORS 2018.

1) The following companies fulfilled all requirements and are licensed for 2018 for the following activities;

OPERATORS 2018

CASINO		
No.	Company/Trade Name	Facility Licensed for
1	Arua Casino Limited T/A Gal VIP	Casino Operating License /land based
2	Audley Limited T/A Kampala Casino	Casino Operating License /land based
3	Audley Limited T/A Pyramids Casino	Casino Operating License/land based
4	Crown Casino Limited T/A Crown Casino	Casino Operating License/land based
5	Firma profit International Limited T/A Bigwin	Casino Operating License/land based
6	Fortuna Limited T/A Mayfair	Casino Operating License/land based
7	Garden City Investment Limited T/A Simba Casino	Casino Operating License /land based
8	Golden Tripod Limited T/A Golden Tripod Casino	Casino Operating License/land based
9	Grand Victoria Limited T/A Diamond Casino	Casino Operating License/land based
10	Intel World Limited T/A Betpawa Casino	Casino Operating License/ online
11	Mauugan Enterprises Limited T/A Bet Lion	Casino Operating License/ online
12	Mena sports consulting limited T/A Betin	Casino Operating License/ online
13	Rubine Box Limited T/A Victoria Casino	Casino Operating License /land based
14	Vas Garage (PTY) Limited T/A Supa Casino	Casino Operating License/online
15	Visvar Investments Limited T/A Nile View Casino(Mbale/Jinja)	Casino Operating License/land based
16	Gaming East Africa Limited T/A Empire Casino	Casino Operating License /land based
17	The Rangers Limited T/A Betway	Casino Operating License/online
18	Star Casino Limited T/A Start Casino	Casino Operating License/land based
19	Sunset Casino Limited T/A Sunset Casino	Casino Operating License/land based
20	Tai Chi Casino Limited T/A Tai Chi Casino	Casino Operating License/land based
GENERAL BETTING		

1	Aba Betting Limited T/A Ababet	General Betting Operating License/ online
2	A Better Place Limited T/A Gals Sports Betting	General Betting Operating License/land based and online
3	Advanced Gaming Limited	General Betting Operating License/ online
4	Best Holdings (U) Limited T/A Bet Win	General Betting Operating License/land based
5	Bet City Limited T/A Bet City	General Betting Operating License/online
6	Betyetu (U) Limited T/A Betyetu	General Betting Operating License/ online
7	Blue Cube Limited T/A Kagwilawo Sports Betting	General Betting Operating License/ online
8	Canon Bet Limited T/A Canon Bet	General Betting Operating License/ online and land based
9	Eldorado Company Limited T/A Premier Bet	General Betting Operating License /land based
10	Enterprise Gaming (U) Limited T/A Bet Ug	General Betting Operating License/land based
11	Fair Sports Betting Limited T/A Fair Sports Betting	General Betting Operating License/land based
12	Firma profit International Limited T/A Bigwin	General Betting Operating License/land based
13	Gaming East Africa Limited T/A Lolly Bet	General Betting Operating License/land based
14	Garden City Investment Limited T/A Simba Bet	General Betting Operating License/land based and online
15	Gateway Gaming Creations Limited T/A U-Bet	General Betting Operating License/online
16	Game Pros Company Limited T/A Bet Yaffe	General Betting Operating License/online
17	Goal Sports Betting Limited T/A Goal Sports Betting	General Betting Operating License//land based and online
18	Good Bet Limited T/A Good Bet	General Betting Operating License/land based
19	Grand Victoria Limited T/A Forte Bet	General Betting Operating License/land based and online
20	Intel world Limited T/A BetPawa	General Betting Operating License/ online
21	Kings Investments Limited T/A Kings Sports Betting	General Betting Operating License/land based and online
22	Lev (U) Limited T/A Ultimate Bet	General Betting Operating License/land based
23	Lucky Sports Betting Limited T/A Luck Sports Betting	General Betting Operating License/land based
24	Mauugan Enterprises Limited T/A Bet Lion	General Betting Operating License/ online
25	Mena sports consulting limited T/A Betin	General Betting Operating License/online and land based
26	Palbet Limited T/A Palbet	General Betting Operating License/ online
27	Paragon Gaming T/A Paragon Bet	General Betting Operating License/land based
28	Parsha International Limited T/A Champion Bet	General Betting Operating License /online

29	Quick Venture Limited T/A Quickbets	General Betting Operating License/ online
30	Rambo Resource Limited T/A Wonder Bet	General Betting Operating License/ online
31	Rubine Box Limited T/A Beetle Bet	General Betting Operating License/land based
32	Sports Betting Africa T/A SBA	General Betting Operating License/land based
33	Top Bet Sports Betting Limited T/A Top Bet	General Betting Operating License/land based and online
34	The Rangers Limited T/A Betway	General Betting Operating License/ online
35	Vas Garage (pty) Limited T/A Supa Bet	General Betting Operating License/land based and online
36	Victory Sports Betting Limited T/A Victory Sports Betting	General Betting Operating License/land based
37	Wolf Sports Betting Limited T/A Wolf Sports Betting	General Betting Operating License/land based
38	World Star Limited T/A World Star Betting	General Betting Operating License/land based and online
39	5 Point Investments Limited T/A Bunga Bet	General Betting Operating License/land based and online
40	Elite Bet Bookmakers Limited T/A Elitebet	General Betting Operating License/ online

POOL BETTING LICENSE

1	Pool Betting Limited T/A Pool Bet	Pool Betting Operating License/ online
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SLOT MACHINES

1	Best Holdings (U) Limited T/A Bet Win	Slot Machines Operating License /land based
2	Club Win (U)Limited T/A Club Win	Slot Machines Operating License /land based
3	Eldorado Company Limited T/A Premier Slots	Slot Machines Operating License /land based
4	Enterprise Gaming (U) Limited T/A Bet Ug	Slot Machines Operating License /land based
5	Firma profit International Limited T/A Bigwin	Slot Machines Operating License /land based
6	Gemex (U) Limited T/A Gemex	Slot Machines Operating License /land based
7	Goal Sports Betting Limited T/A Goal Sports Betting	Slot Machines Operating License /land based
8	Grand Victoria Limited T/A Forte Bet	Slot Machines Operating License /land based
9	Kings Investments Limited T/A Kings Sports Betting	Slot Machines Operating License /land based

10	Lev (U) Limited T/A Jokers Club	Slot Machines Operating License /land based
11	Sastoss Amusement Limited T/A Sastoss Amusement	Slot Machines Operating License /land based
12	Top Bet Sports Betting Limited T/A Top Bet	Slot Machines Operating License /land based
13	Universal Gaming Limited T/A Universal Games	Slot Machines Operating License /land based
14	Vas Garage (pty) Limited T/A Supa Slots	Slot Machines Operating License /land based
15	5 Point Investments Limited T/A Bunga Bet	Slot Machines Operating License /land based

Licensed companies should adhere to the Law and Regulations and in particular.

1. Rebranding and change of name

Effective 1st February 2018 the board rebranded and redefined its name to the National Gaming Board. The regulator's name should be appended on all adverts targeting the public.

2. Minors

Section 1 of The Lotteries and Gaming Act defines a minor as a person who is below 25 years of age.

Section 57 of the Act further incriminates accepting payments from a minor or accepting access or entry into a casino, gaming or betting premise.

Rule 5 of Lotteries and Gaming (Betting) Regulations SI. No 9 2017 obliges an operator of casino, gaming or betting to require an individual to present a national identity card for nationals or passport for foreign nationals as proof of age before permitting persons access to premises or to engage in gambling activities.

3. Terms and Conditions of every License

All licenses are issued subject to terms and conditions specified there under and any others as maybe prescribed by the Board from time to time.

Rule 31 of the Lotteries and gaming (Licensing) Regulations S. I No. 7 of 2017 prescribes the terms and conditions of every license among others.

4. Premises

Section 5 of the Lotteries and Gaming Act 2016 the Board shall have powers to search the premises of any licensed person in accordance with the Act and it is by this, that **Rule 18** of the Lotteries and Gaming (Licensing) Regulations states clearly the standards as follows.

Betting and slot machines premises guidelines

- a) The premises shall be situated only in a City, Municipality or Town Council.
- b) Be of minimum size of 30 square meters;
- c) Permanent structure;
- d) Away from a school in accordance to section 7 the Lotteries and Gaming (Betting) Regulation No 9 Of 2017 and any contravention of the above carries a fine of 48 currency points or imprisonment not exceeding two years or both, a hospital, a market, a place of worship or government offices;
- e) Have accessible facilities of convenience and a common area for clients;
- f) Accommodate all the intended activities within to avoid public nuisance. Clients, Notice Boards, TV screens, and other gaming equipment must all be contained within the premises and strictly not be visible from outside the premises.
- g) Have a strong-room for purposes of securing monies collected.
- h) Have a notice board placed in a conspicuous place within the premises for the display of licenses, government notices, the rules of games promoted, telephone numbers of the Board, disclaimers regarding the effects of gambling and any other matter required to be displayed by the Board.
- i) Have Security to control access and ensure security of clients and property in line with the police terror guidelines.

Note: All operators are required to apply to the Board for approval all intended operational locations for 2018. Only premises that comply with the above standard for betting and casinos will be approved and issued with licenses.

5. Employees

Section 31 of The Lotteries and Gaming Act 2016 mandates the Board to license key employees of casino, gaming and betting operations.

Rule 26 of the Lotteries and Gaming (Licensing) Regulations SI. No7 of 2017 provides that the following designations and applications for license shall be made for;

- a) Chief Executive
- b) Chief of operations
- c) Chief of accounts
- d) Managers of premises and gaming floor managers for casinos or their equivalent.

According to rule 27 of The Lotteries and Gaming (Licensing) Regulations SI.7 of 2017 Application for Key employee License must be accompanied by;

- a) Introduction letter or recommendation by licensed operator employer or Prospective Employer.

- b) Curriculum vitae of employee and attach academic documents and copies of Relevant certificates.
- c) Interpol clearances and work permits with relevant class for foreign nationals.
- d) Declaration of any criminal convictions for theft, money laundering, fraud and any other Convictions for crimes pertaining to moral turpitude.
- e) Tax Identification Number and Social Security Number.
- f) Proof of payment of key employee license application fee (Ugx 50,000/=)

Note: All employees in the defined category must be licensed by the Board and should submit their applications immediately.

6. Equipment and devices

Sections 35 and 36 of the Lotteries and Gaming Act, 2016 establishes the national register of gaming machines and devices and requires the Board to establish and maintain in the prescribed manner a national register of every gaming or betting machine or gaming or betting device manufactured within or imported into Uganda.

Rule 3 of the Lotteries and Gaming (Gaming and Betting Machines) Regulations SI. 10 2017 defines a gaming machine or device to mean a machine designed or adapted for use by individuals to gamble whether or not it can be used for other purposes.

Rule 4 of the same requires the Board to keep an electronic database containing all the information required to be registered under section 36 of the Act.

Note:

In line with the Law and Regulations, you are required to submit details of all your gaming equipment and devices for registration by the Board including;

- a) unique serial number assigned to the machine by the manufacturer;
- b) name of the manufacturer or importer
- c) date of manufacture or importation
- d) The name and address of the person licensed to import or make the machine or device available for use in Uganda.
- e) The date and details relating to the certification of the machine or device by the Board in consultation with the Uganda National Bureau of Standards.

The Board has initiated a process of standardization of gaming and betting equipment, devices and software in consultation with the UNBS. In due time you will be requested to certify your equipment's against the set standard.

7. Software

Applicants must provide full details of the software that will be used for operating the gaming business, including the supplier, testing, ownership and maintenance of the system. The Board may impose such a license condition that it deems fit or appropriate relating to the operators' record keeping system. All software must be inspected and approved by the testing laboratories prequalified by the Board, which process is ongoing.

8. Operating hours

Law prescribes operation hours for Casinos, gaming and betting as 10am to 4 am.

Rule 6 of the Lotteries and Gaming (Betting) Regulations SI. No 9 of 2017 incriminates operations beyond the above stated hours.

9. Minimum capital

Section 39 of the Lotteries and Gaming Act states that the minister may by regulations prescribe minimum capital requirements for licensees under the Act.

The Lotteries and Gaming (minimum capital requirements) Regulations S.I No. 8 of 2017 prescribes the minimum capital required in respect of each license.

Rule 3 there under provides that the minimum capital required shall be the minimum fixed capital unimpaired by losses of the casino, lottery facility, gaming or betting;

Note: You are required by Rule 4 of the minimum capital Regulations to;

- a) Maintain adequate records including daily balance sheets, periodic statements of income and expense to enable proper computation of your capital adequacy;
- b) To submit on a quarterly basis proof of capital adequacy prepared at the close of business at the end of the months of March, June, September and December.

In determining whether you are compliant with the minimum capital requirements the Board shall consider whether you have made adequate provisions for losses in accordance with international accounting standards.

10. Advertisement

Rule 3 of the Lotteries and Gaming (Betting) Regulations SI. No. 9 of 2017 prohibits advertisement of gaming or betting activity that is not licensed, premises not approved, misleading and false or of a name and slogan that is misleading or false or in minor that targets minors

Note: All advertisements must comply with the provisions of the law and contain the following messages;

- a) "Betting is addictive and can be physiologically harmful."
- b) ".....(operator trade name) is licensed and regulated by the National Gaming Board"

11. No gaming zones

The Board issued a directive that the areas listed below are no gaming zones because of the considered negative effect of gaming and its inappropriacy to these areas.

1. Kampala Bugolobi area around the Bugolobi Market
2. Nakawa market area.
3. Kamwokya Market Area.
4. Wandegeya market area
5. In and around Universities in Uganda.

All operators with premises in these areas are directed to close them immediately.

12. Commencement of operations in new gaming premises

Licensees must not commence operations of un licensed premises, unless it has been fully inspected and approved by the Board for the commencement of operator premises.

13. Specific guidelines for casinos

All new Applicants must situate their premises in a hotel of not less than 30 hotel rooms/occupancy.

All Casinos should have minimum floor space of 250 sq. meters, 10 gaming tables and 30 slot machines. There shall be no licensing of new Casinos in Kampala District area for the year 2018.

A Casino must have a restaurant and beverage section.

Key employees and staff

Key staff shall include:

- i. CEO
- ii. Chief Accountant
- iii. Floor Managers
- iv. Pit bosses
- v. Supervisors
- vi. Dealers and
- vii. 2 Anti-money laundering supervisors/Liaisons.

Note: whereas the board shall license the key employees of the casino the Board requests that each casino submit a list of all names of persons employed in that casino.

Equipment

All Casino gaming equipment must be duly registered on the National Register of the Board. All Casinos shall have security access control system, fire blankets and fire extinguishers.

Smoking areas

All Casinos shall have designated smoking areas.

Anti-money laundering officer

Each Casino should employ anti-money laundering supervisor. Each Casino shall have an anti-money laundering policy and implementation plan in accordance with the Uganda Anti Money Laundering Act, 2013.

14. Credit extension and casino promotions

Extension of credit to gamble as well as client bonuses especially in casinos are strictly prohibited unless conditioned with prior express approval of the Board. Extension of credit to gamble promotes irresponsibility and it's the Board's opinion that such practices will hurt the sector and must therefore be strictly regulated.

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