

GUIDELINES FOR THE ISSUE AND APPROVAL OF LICENCES UNDER THE GRA ACT 2007

UNDER SECTION 7(1) (d) OF THE GAMBLING REGULATORY AUTHORITY ACT

DISCLAIMER:

These guidelines are intended to provide clarity on the criteria, obligations, and procedures to be followed by current or prospective licensees of the Gambling Regulatory Authority Act 2007 (hereinafter referred to as The Act) when applying for approval of a new or relocation of their licence / premise.

These guidelines shall be adhered to when reviewing such applications under Section 96(4) of The Act. Compliance with The Act, its regulations, and these guidelines is mandatory. The Gambling Regulatory Authority (hereinafter referred to as GRA) reserves the right to amend these guidelines without prior notice.

1. Applicability

These guidelines apply strictly to new applicants or companies licensed under The Act. Applications covered under these guidelines refer solely to the review for current or prospective premises for licences under The Act.

2. Application Process

2.1. An application for a licence under the Act must be submitted to the Gambling Regulatory Authority (GRA) either by official letter or by using the prescribed application form, where applicable.

2.2. If application is filed via letter, the below support document shall also be submitted amongst others:

- Letter of application or reason for relocation where Applicable;
- NIC copy of owner of proposed premise;
- Title Deed;
- Lease agreement / Letter of Intent for the proposed premise;

2.3. Upon receipt, the documents mentioned in point 2.2 shall be forwarded to The Commissioner Of Police, who shall review the proposed location and premise and provide a recommendation pursuant to Section 96(4) of The Act.

3. Conditions For Approval

- 3.1. The proposed premise shall be a business premise as defined in The Landlord and Tenant Act 1999.
- 3.2. The proposed premise shall not be located within a 100 metres radius of any religious body and educational institution. Educational Institutions should **not** include pre-primary, nursery and kindergarten.
- 3.3. The proposed premise shall have adequate parking facilities that do not cause obstruction or disturbance to the neighborhood.
- 3.4. The proposed premise shall hold a valid Fire Certificate from the Mauritius Fire & Rescue Services.
- 3.5. No valid objections against the proposed activity in the premise is noted from immediate neighbourhood during suitability assessment of the premise.
- 3.6. The proposed premise shall be equipped with the necessary Toilet Facilities where applicable.

4. Grounds For Immediate Refusal

- 4.1. No approval shall be given to operate in a premise which has been declared to be in a dangerous state or in a ruinous state as per Section 22(3) and Section 25 of the CIDB Act respectively.
- 4.2. Subletting of premises shall be considered as major grounds for refusal.
- 4.3. The applicant (Company / Shareholders) has been convicted of financial offences under FIAMLA or crimes as defined in the Mauritius Criminal Code 1838.
- 4.4. Partitioning a premise already cleared by the Police under this guideline.

5. Objections

5.1. Valid grounds for objection are:

- Proximity to sensitive institutions (religious, educational amongst others)
- Community disturbance; **or**
- Security concerns, all within a 100 metres radius of the proposed premise.

5.2. Objections shall be reviewed by the Commissioner of Police before making his recommendation or for the purpose of reassessment of the premise's suitability.

6. Miscellaneous

6.1 These guidelines shall be read in conjunction with the Gambling Regulatory Authority Act and any relevant regulations.

6.2 Any false declaration will result in immediate rejection or revocation.

6.3 Clearance under this guideline shall be valid only for the license that filed the application. Any attempt by another company to make use of a clearance issued previously under this guideline shall not be permitted.