

Regulations relating to scratch-card lotteries

Adopted by the Ministry of Culture xx.xx.xxxx. pursuant to Act no 11 of 24 February 1995 relating to lotteries etc.

Section 1 Area of application

The rules set out in these regulations apply to pre-drawn lotteries in which paper-based lottery tickets of the 'scratch card' type are used.

The regulations contain supplementary provisions to Regulations no 185 of 24 February 1995 relating to lotteries etc. and to Regulations no 1366 of 21 December 2000 relating to the Gaming Authority and the Gaming Register.

Scratch cards cannot be used for lotteries mentioned in section 5-1 of Regulations no 1366 of 21 December 2000 relating to the Gaming Authority and the Gaming Register.

Section 2 Objectives

These regulations shall ensure that the production, distribution and sale of scratch cards are conducted in a secure manner and contribute to reducing the number of people who develop gaming problems.

Section 3 Age limit

The age limit for buying and participating in scratch-card lotteries is 18 years.

Section 4 Definitions

For the purpose of these Regulations, the following terms shall mean:

- a) Scratch card: paper-based lottery ticket on which one or more play areas are covered in a non-transparent material which, when it is scratched off, immediately reveals if it is a winning ticket or not.
- b) Play area: the area of the scratch card in which the prize symbols are distributed.
- c) Prize symbol: numbers or symbols, a pre-defined combination of which entitles to a prize.
- d) Prize plan: specification of the number of tickets comprised by the lottery, what prize outcomes and prizes can be won with one and the same lottery ticket and the number and value of the prizes.
- e) Lottery rules: description of how the lottery is carried out, from participation to collecting the prize.
- f) Scratch-card description: description of the scratch card's characteristic appearance on the front and back, with and without the scratch-off material.

- g) Scratch-card manufacturer: an enterprise that manufactures scratch cards.
- h) Scratch-card number: a number that identifies each individual scratch card.

Section 5 Requirement for a permit

Permits to arrange scratch-card lotteries are granted by the Gaming authority.

Applications for a scratch-card-lottery permit shall be made on the prescribed form. Documentation that the requirements of these regulations and of Regulation no 185 of 24 February 1995 relating to lotteries etc. are satisfied shall be submitted to the Gaming Authority.

Section 6 Requirement for scratch cards

All scratch cards shall be designed and sold in accordance with the prize plan, lottery rules and scratch-card description. All scratch cards comprised by the permit shall be manufactured before they are offered for sale.

It is not permitted to give the wrong impression concerning the chance to win a prize or concerning at what time the player is about to win a prize.

Section 7 Distribution of prizes and prize symbols

When selling scratch cards, all prizes and individual prize symbols shall be randomly distributed between all the scratch cards in accordance with the gaming plan. The distribution of prizes and prize symbols shall be statistically random, unbiased and unpredictable. There shall be no correlation between the distributions.

§ 8 General security requirements

The scratch-card lottery shall be organised in a manner that ensures that there is no risk of manipulation or misuse of lottery tickets. Information about the prize outcome for each individual scratch card shall only be available to authorised persons, and personnel shall have limited access to such information on a need-to-know basis. Documented procedures shall be in place to ensure that security is attended to at all stages, including in connection with:

- a) development and design
- b) production and shipment
- c) distribution
- d) sales
- e) payment of prizes

Section 9 Requirements for design of the lottery ticket

Each individual scratch card shall contain a prize plan, lottery rules and a scratch-card number. The scratch card shall have information about the helpline telephone for gaming addicts.

The scratch card's play area shall consist of clearly defined symbols. If numbers are used in the play area, they must be confirmed by writing them out using letters.

It must not be possible in practice to discover a prize without removing the scratch-off material. The scratch card must be secure enough to ensure that it is impossible to discover a prize, change the information in the play area or make false copies (reproductions) without leaving traces that can be identified through technical inspection of the scratch card.

The scratch card shall have an underlying safety print in the play area. The safety print shall contain a sufficient number of variations and be of a nature that makes manipulation difficult.

Section 10 Requirements of the scratch-card manufacturer

The scratch-card manufacturer shall have a valid NS-EN ISO 9000:2000 certificate or be certified to more recent corresponding versions.

Laboratory tests shall be carried out to check that the scratch card's physical design is secure. The laboratory test shall be carried out by the manufacturer or by an external laboratory certified to NS-EN ISO 9000:2000. The test shall include necessary examination and, as a minimum, cover a combination of the following methods:

- a) screening and radiation
- b) magnetism
- c) electricity
- d) temperature and pressure
- e) chemicals and fluids
- f) mechanical (splitting, relief, deformation etc.).

Section 11 Supervisory authority

The Gaming Authority shall supervise that provisions laid down in or pursuant to these regulations are complied with.

The Gaming Authority shall have access to the premises and equipment needed to supervise the lottery.

Section 12 Dispensation

The Gaming Authority may grant dispensation from these regulations in specific cases.

Section 13 Entry into force

These regulations enter into force on xx.xx.xxxx. Temporary Regulations no 408 of 22 June 1989 relating to pre-drawn scratch-card lotteries are repealed from the same date.

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Regulations no 185 of 24 February 1995 relating to lotteries etc. are hereby amended as follows:

Section 1 first paragraph no 5 shall be repealed

In section 2 first paragraph, the following shall be inserted as the second sentence:

The permit shall be limited to the number of lottery tickets that can be expected to be sold.

In section 2 second paragraph, the following shall be inserted as the second sentence:

For lotteries involving the use of scratch cards, a charge of NOK 5 000 shall be paid per permit.

In section 5 second paragraph, the following shall be substituted for no 3:

Prizes in the form of money or money claims shall be permitted in the following lotteries:

3) pre-drawn scratch-card lotteries where the main prize does not exceed one million Norwegian kroner and *the lottery ticket is in accordance with the requirements laid down in the Regulations relating to scratch card lotteries.*

Section 6 first paragraph no 3

3. that the lottery tickets contain information about the name, address and cause of the lottery; about the number and value of the prizes; *that the lottery is covered by a permit from the Gaming Authority*; about the number of tickets permitted to be sold and whether unsold lottery tickets are to be included in the draw; about the time and place for the draw and the announcement of the results of the draw; about the deadline and location for prize collection; and about the procedure for dealing with uncollected prizes,

Regulations no 1366 of 21 December 2000 relating to the Gaming Authority and the Gaming Register is hereby amended as follows:

In section 5-1 first paragraph, the following shall be inserted as the second sentence:

Organisations that in their activities work for any of the causes mentioned in the Lottery Act section 5 first paragraph may arrange pre-drawn and post-drawn lotteries with a turnover of up to NOK 150,000 per calendar year. *This does not apply to scratch-card lotteries, cf. the Regulations of xx.xx.xxxx relating to scratch card lotteries.*

The task of organising the lottery may not be assigned to an assistant in return for payment.