

L.N. 179 of 1995

**GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES ACT
(CAP. 292)**

Government Instant Lotteries Regulations, 1995

IN exercise of the powers conferred by sections 3 and 4 of the Government Lotteries Act, the Minister of Finance has made the following regulations:—

Citation. 1. These regulations may be cited as the Government Instant Lotteries Regulations, 1995.

Interpretation. 2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:—

“agent” means a person who is authorised by the Director to sell tickets of the Government Instant Lotteries;

“Department” means the Department of Public Lotto;

“Director” means the Director (Lotteries) and to the extent of the authority given, includes any officer of the Department authorised by the Director in that behalf for any purpose of these regulations;

“game” means a Government Instant Lottery;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for finance and includes, to the extent of the authority given, any person authorised by the Minister in that behalf for any purpose of these regulations;

“staker” means the person in possession of a valid ticket participating in the Government Instant Lotteries;

“ticket” means the ticket printed for the purpose and bearing the following information:

(a) a ticket registration number which is covered and overprinted “void if removed”, and which enables the Director to identify winning tickets participating in the game, and

(b) the stake paid for the ticket;

“ticket number” means the number on each ticket which is covered and which validates the ticket.

3. The object of a staker is to purchase an instant lottery ticket from one of the authorised agents. A winning is made by scratching the areas covered by an opaque erasable mask as indicated on the ticket itself and finding three or more matching spots indicating the prize won.

Workings of
the game.

4. (1) These regulations and conditions shall apply and shall be binding on all stakers as soon as payment of the relative stake is made.

Conditions.

(2) A copy of these regulations shall be available for public viewing at the Department.

5. (1) The price of each stake shall be printed on the ticket itself, provided that the price of each ticket shall be of not less than 25 cents and not more than Lm1.

Tickets and stakes.

(2) The tickets participating in the games shall only be those put up for sale by the Department.

(3) Any ticket that is altered, misprinted, incomplete, mutilated, defaced, defective, illegible or stolen, or if any portion of the numbers in the panels is tampered with, or if the ticket is defective in any other manner, it may be judged void at the complete discretion of the Director, whose decision is final and therefore cannot be contested.

(4) The covering on the "Void if Removed" panel must be intact upon presentation of the ticket for validation unless otherwise determined by the Director.

(5) Liability, if any, for a ticket declared void is limited to replacement of ticket.

(6) Winning tickets must pass all additional confidential validation tests of the Department.

6. (1) The commission rates on sale of tickets to agents by the Department shall be of ten per centum of the value of each ticket.

Commission rates
and bonus
to agents.

(2) The Minister may authorize the Director to pay a bonus or bonuses to agents as and when required.

7. The Prize Fund shall consist of not less than fifty per centum of the amount made up of the selling value less commission of one million tickets. Such Prize Fund is to be made up of various prizes depending on the structure of the game.

Allocation of
Prize Funds.

Notice of
winnings.

8. The right of claiming winnings shall be barred by the lapse of one year from the date of sale by the Department to its agents of the last ticket of a batch of one million tickets, and a claim so barred shall not be entertained by the Director:

Provided that if the last day of a claim period falls on a Sunday or public holiday, the period shall be extended until the first following working day.

Winning tickets.

9. Payment is made by the Department to the holder of a valid winning ticket on presentation of such ticket. Such payment shall absolutely discharge the Department of all its obligations.

Constitution of
Instant Lotteries
Fund and
distribution of
profits.

10. (1) All moneys received from the sale of tickets under these regulations shall be paid into the Treasury and shall be credited to an account to be kept in that Department to be styled "Instant Lotteries Fund".

(2) There shall be paid out of the Instant Lotteries Fund, without the necessity of any further appropriation other than these regulations, the prizes incorporated in the prize fund, the expense of administration and all other charges connected therewith; and the balance shall be directed to pursue in a humanitarian and meritorious way objectives of a social and civic nature as may be directed by the Minister after consultation with an Advisory Board appointed by him for the purpose.

Appointment
of agents.

11. (1) The Director may receive applications in such form as he may from time to time determine from persons desiring to be appointed as an agent for the purpose of selling tickets in the games conducted by the Department under these regulations.

(2) The Director shall consider such application and may accept or reject such application without being liable to give any reason therefor.

(3) The Director may impose any conditions on the agents deemed necessary from time to time.