L.N. 66 of 1981

GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES ACT, 1981
(ACT NO. XXIV OF 1981)

Government Lotteries Regulations, 1981

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 of the Government Lotteries Act, 1981, the Minister of Finance, Customs and People's Financial Investments has made the following regulations:—

Citation.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Government Lotteries Regulations, 1981.

Interpretation.

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

"Board" means the Board appointed under regulation 9 of these regulations;

"Director" means the Director of Public Lotto and to the extent of the authority given, includes any officer of the Department, authorized by the Director in that behalf for any purpose of these regulations;

"draw" means the extraction at random, by physical or mechanical means, of such letter and/or numbers which give the right to the staker of a ticket bearing the corresponding letter and/or number so drawn to the prize due;

"Minister" includes, to the extent of the authority given, any person authorized by the Minister in that behalf for any purpose of these regulations;

"public officer" has the same meaning as is assigned to it by the Constitution of Malta.

Grand Lottery and Weekly Lottery.

3. (1) A lottery draw shall be held every Friday at two o'clock in the afternoon or as soon as possible thereafter and in such place as the Minister may from time to time direct:

Provided that when the day of the draw falls on a public holiday, the draw for that particular week shall take place on the preceding day and if such day is also a public holiday then the draw for that week shall be held on the following Monday.

(2) The draw held on the last Friday of June and December shall be known as the Grand Lottery and the prizes for such a draw shall be those set out in paragraph A of the Schedule to these regulations.

(3) The draws held each week other than those mentioned in paragraph (2) of these regulations shall be known as the Weekly Lottery and the prizes for such a draw shall be those set out in paragraph B of the Schedule to these regulations.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of these regulations the Minister may, by notice published in the Gazette increase the number and/or value of the prizes or alter the day, time and place of any particular draw.

Procedure of the draw.

4. (1) The draw shall be conducted by the Board.

(2) The first prize in a particular lottery will be allotted to the holder of the ticket bearing the letter and/or numbers corresponding to the letter and/or numbers so drawn. The same procedure shall be followed in respect of the remaining prize or prizes to be allotted in that particular lottery.

(3) If at any draw the Board finds that there is no ticket participating in that draw bearing the corresponding letter and/or numbers so drawn, the draw shall be repeated until such time as the letter and/or numbers so drawn correspond to those of a ticket participating in that lottery.

Time limit for purchase of tickets.

5. The Minister may, by notice published in the Gazette, establish the day and hour not later than which tickets for any particular draw may be purchased from the Director.

Price of tickets.

6. (1) Tickets shall be purchased from the Director in sheets of four and shall be paid for on purchase. Any amount so paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances.

(2) The price of a Weekly Lottery ticket shall be twenty-five cents (25c) and the price of a Grand Lottery ticket shall be one pound (£1). Sellers and agents shall however pay to the Director twenty-two cents (22c) for each Weekly Lottery ticket and ninety cents (90c) for each Grand Lottery ticket.

(3) The price of a ticket which is to be sold outside Malta shall be expressed in foreign currency by the Director who shall also take into account in such price an amount to cover mailing expenses, bank charges and other incidental expenses.

Record of tickets sold.

7. The Director shall keep a record of all tickets sold in respect of each lottery.

Bonus to seller of winning tickets.

8. There shall be paid to the seller or agent —

(a) of the ticket winning the first prize in the Grand Lottery ... ... a bonus of two hundred pounds;

(b) of the ticket winning the first prize in the Weekly Lottery ... ... a bonus of fifty pounds.

Constitution of Board.

9. (1) There shall be constituted a Board, composed of the Director or his representative as Chairman, a representative of the Director of Audit, a representative of the Accountant General and two

other members not being public officers, to be appointed by the Minister for such time as he may deem fit.

(2) The Board shall perform such duties as are specified in these regulations and such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Director in connection with the supervision of the lottery.

(3) Three members of the Board, of whom one must be the Director or his representative, shall form a quorum of the Board.

(4) Each member of the Board shall have one vote but in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall also have a casting vote.

Meeting of the Board.

10. The Board shall meet during the draw and on such other dates and time as the Director shall determine.

Delivery of counterfoils.

11. Before every draw the Director shall deliver to the Board, for examination —

(a) all counterfoils of sold tickets;

(b) all unsold tickets and their counterfoils.

Counterfoils received by Secretary, Gozo Affairs.

12. (1) The Secretary for Gozo Affairs shall represent and act for the Director in Gozo in any matter connected with the lottery.

(2) The Secretary for Gozo Affairs shall transmit to the Director within such time and in such manner as the latter may require, all counterfoils of tickets sold in Gozo and all unsold tickets with their counterfoils.

(3) The Secretary for Gozo Affairs shall keep tickets and counterfoils in a strong room under his custody.

Board to remain responsible for counterfoils.

13. The Board shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all counterfoils delivered to it by the Director under regulation 11 of these regulations until one week after the expiry of the validity period of the tickets of each lottery draw.

Draw to be held in public.

14. The draw shall be held publicly at the office of the Director, or at such other place as may from time to time be appointed for the purpose by the Minister in the presence of the Board and of any member of the public present at the time.

Validity period of ticket.

15. The right of claiming prizes shall lapse after twenty-five (25) working days from the day of draw in the case of the Weekly Lottery and after fifty (50) working days from the day of draw in the case of the Grand Lottery.

Forfeiture of prize.

16. Any prize which remains unclaimed after the lapse of the period prescribed in regulation 15 of these regulations shall be forfeited to Government.

Winning tickets and relative vouchers to be kept by the Director of Audit.

17. (1) The winning tickets and the relative payment vouchers shall be kept under the responsibility of the Director of Audit.

(2) Where, however, a ticket is exhibited in a Court of Law the Registrar of that Court shall be responsible for its custody.

Revokes Legal Notice 78 of 1977.

18. The Government Lotteries Regulations, 1977, are hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE

(Regulation 3)

SCHEDULE OF PRIZES

A. *Grand Lottery*

First Prize: £50,000 (Fifty thousand pounds)

Five Prizes of: £1,000 (One thousand pounds) each

B. *Weekly Lottery*

First Prize: £ 1,000 (One thousand pounds)

Second Prize: £500 (Five hundred pounds)

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