

Fundraising and minor gaming in the Northern Territory

Legal information for Northern Territory community organisations



This fact sheet covers:

- do we need an authority to fundraise?
- how do we apply for a community gaming permit? and
- what are the obligations of a community gaming permit holder?

Do we need an authority to fundraise?

Individuals and organisations that intend to fundraise in the Northern Territory do not need an authority to do so, unless they intend to conduct certain gaming activities which fall within the scope of the *Gaming Control Act 1993* (NT) and the *Gaming Control (Community Gaming) Regulations* (NT). General fundraising activities, such as fundraising through online campaigns, do not require a special permit (although they do in many Australian states).

Community Gaming

Only 'approved associations' may conduct community gaming activities for fundraising purposes.

An approved association must obtain a permit to fundraise for the following community gaming activities:

- **Minor lottery** with total value of tickets available for sale is between \$5,001 and \$20,000
- **Major lottery** with total value of tickets available for sale exceeding \$20,000, and
- **Major trade** lottery with total value of the prizes offered exceeding \$5,000.

An approved association may conduct the following community gaming activities without a permit:

- calcuttas, sweepstakes and bingo
- free entry lottery with a prize less than or equal to \$2,000
- raffles with ticket sales less than or equal to \$5,000
- mini lotto with a prize less than or equal to \$5,000
- tipping competition with a prize less than or equal to \$5,000, and
- minor trade lottery with prize less than or equal to \$5,000.

CAUTION

Certain gaming activities are prohibited under Northern Territory's gaming laws. For more information, go to the [Gaming and Licensing \(Lotteries\) section](#) of the Northern Territory Government Department of Business website.



How do we apply for a community gaming permit?

To apply for a permit to conduct gaming activities for fundraising purposes, your organisation must first have Approved Association Status.

In order to obtain Approved Association Status, an organisation must make an application to the Director-General of Licensing. The organisation does not need to be incorporated, but must have at least 10 members to be eligible to apply.

Approved associations can then make an application to obtain a Minor/Major Lottery Permit which allows the organisation to conduct these gaming activities.

FURTHER READING

The relevant application forms to become an approved association and to apply for permits can be found on the [Gaming and Licencing \(Lotteries\) section](#) of the Northern Territory Government Department of Business website.



Obligations of a community gaming permit holder

In order to retain the permit, the approved association must:

- conduct the gaming for which the permit is granted in accordance with the conditions of the permit
- annually update its details after the Annual General Meeting, a special general meeting or when there are changes to office bearers, the nominated person responsible for the conduct of community gaming or to the constitution
- ensure that financial records of all games conducted during the financial year are audited and any qualified audit report is submitted to the Director-General of Licensing.

Resources

Related Not-for-profit Law resources

The Not-for-profit Law Information Hub (www.nfplaw.org.au) has information on the following related topics:

✔ Fundraising - www.nfplaw.org.au/fundraising

This page contains information about Fundraising in other Australian jurisdictions.

✔ Running the organisation – www.nfplaw.org.au/runningtheorg

This page contains information on the legal aspects of running an organisation, such as who runs the organisation and holding meetings.

Legislation

✔ [Gaming Control Act \(NT\)](#)

✔ [Gaming Control \(Community Gaming\) Regulations \(NT\)](#)

Government agencies

✔ [NT Government Department of Business - Community Gaming](#)

✔ [NT Government Department of Business - Lotteries and Raffles](#)

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