



Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation

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MEMORANDUM

January 31, 2018

**T O : ALL GAMING SITE OPERATORS (BINGO GAMES)
ALL GAMING SITE OPERATORS (ELECTRONIC GAMES)
ALL SERVICE PROVIDERS (ELECTRONIC GAMES)**

F R O M : THE ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT, GLDD

SUBJECT : SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES AND AMENDMENT OF THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE GAMING SITE REGULATORY MANUALS PERTINENT TO THE EXTENSION OF GAMING LICENSE VALIDITY PERIOD WITH CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN APPLICATION FEE AND RENEWAL FEE FOR ELECTRONIC GAMES AND BINGO GAMES GAMING SITES

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This has reference to GLDD's memorandum dated December 13, 2017 advising the gaming site Operators and Service Providers of the December 6, 2017 approvals of the PAGCOR Board of Directors, among others, as follows:

- a. Extension of the Gaming License validity period for both new and renewal gaming site license application, as follows:

Gaming License Type	Validity Period	
	From	To
New Application	1 year	3 years
Renewal	2 years	3 years

- b. Corresponding increase in the new application and renewal fees, as follows:

Gaming License Type	Application and Renewal Fees	
	From	To
New Application	PhP250,000.00	PhP375,000.00
Renewal	PhP90,000.00	PhP150,000.00

- c. Cut-off for the implementation of the revised three (3)-year validity period (the "mandatory 3-year validity") and the corresponding increase in new and renewal application fees shall be on applicants/operators with ongoing applications (new and renewal) **who have not yet paid the Application Fee or Renewal Fee** whichever is applicable. (*emphasis supplied*)
- d. Operators **with a valid gaming license** may also avail of the 3-year license validity period (the "optional 3-year validity") subject to payment of the corresponding Renewal Fee. (*emphasis supplied*)

For order's sake and in order to further clarify the aforementioned policies, please be advised that the PAGCOR Board of Directors approved in its meeting held on January 24, 2018 the following:

- A. Supplemental guidelines as follows:

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1. The cut-off date for the implementation of the mandatory 3-year validity and the corresponding PhP375,000.00 Application Fee and PhP150,000.00 Renewal Fee shall be on December 6, 2017 subject to the following:
 - a. For New Application of Gaming License
 - Fresh applications submitted to and received by GLDD starting December 6, 2017.
 - Applicants with ongoing applications submitted to and received by GLDD prior to December 6, 2017 who have not yet paid the Application Fee as of December 6, 2017.
 - b. For Renewal of Gaming License
 - Fresh applications submitted to and received by GLDD starting December 6, 2017.
 - Applicants with ongoing applications submitted to and received by GLDD prior to December 6, 2017 who have not yet paid the Renewal Fee as of December 6, 2017.
 - c. For Change in Operator of an existing Gaming Site
 - Fresh applications submitted to and received by GLDD starting December 6, 2017 subject to compliance with the amended Regulation 5 Section 9 (Change in Operator of a Gaming Site).
 - Applicants with ongoing applications submitted to and received by GLDD prior to December 6, 2017 who have not yet paid the PhP250,000.00 Application Fee as of December 6, 2017, subject to compliance with the amended Regulation 5 Section 9 (Change in Operator of a Gaming Site).
2. Applicants and Existing Operators with ongoing applications may avail of the optional 3-year validity period subject to the following:
 - a. For New Application of Gaming License
 - Applicants with ongoing applications who have paid the PhP250,000.00 Application Fee as of December 6, 2017.
 - b. For Renewal of Gaming License
 - Applicants with ongoing applications who have paid the PhP90,000.00 Renewal Fee as of December 6, 2017.
 - c. For Change in Operator of an existing Gaming Site
 - Applicants with ongoing applications who have already paid the PhP250,000.00 Application Fee as of December 6, 2017, subject to compliance with the amended Regulation 5 Section 9 (Change in Operator of a Gaming Site).
3. Existing Operators **with valid gaming license** may avail of the optional 3-year validity period provided that:
 - a. New Gaming License
 - The New Gaming License was issued starting November 1, 2017 and subject further to the payment of the corresponding additional License Application Fee in order to update the paid amount of the License Application Fee to PhP375,000.00.

b. Renewal Gaming License

- The Renewal Gaming License was issued starting November 1, 2017 and subject further to the payment of the corresponding additional License Renewal Fee in order to update the paid amount of the License Renewal Fee to PhP150,000.00.

4. The optional 3-year validity period cannot be availed of under any of the following circumstances:

a. Change in Operator of a Gaming Site

The new Gaming License was issued prior to the implementation of the amended Regulation 5 Section 9 (Change in Operator of a Gaming Site). In such case, the mandatory 3-year validity period shall be implemented upon Renewal of the Gaming License.

b. Amendment of Gaming License due to existing Operator's conversion from Sole Proprietorship/Partnership to Corporation (see Regulation 6 Section 5 of the GSRM version 3.0 as amended). In such case, the mandatory 3-year validity period shall be implemented upon Renewal of the Gaming License.

c. Amendment of Gaming License due to a change in location of a gaming site. In such case, the mandatory 3-year validity period shall be implemented upon Renewal of the Gaming License.

B. Amendment of Regulation 5 Section 9 to require the evaluation of the gaming site's compliance with the Site Location Distance Requirements and Site Location Area requirements; and

C. Amendment of Regulation 6 Section 2 (c) 2. in order to specifically require the Operator to commence operation within one (1) year from the first license issuance date.

The aforementioned amendments shall be applicable to the Gaming Site Regulatory Manuals version 3.0 for Electronic Games and Bingo Games.

To download the details of the amendments to the GSRMs (i.e. items B and C above), kindly visit the corresponding link under Amendment heading at the "Electronic Gaming and Poker" page of the Regulatory website.

For your strict compliance.


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