

## Gambling: Class 4 Venues and Board Venues Policy

The purpose of the Class 4 Venues and Board Venues Policy is to meet the statutory requirements of the Gambling Act 2003, and to control the growth of Class 4 gaming machine numbers in the District.

### 1. Establishment of Class 4 Venues and Board Venues

- (i) Class 4 venues may be established within the District, subject to meeting gaming machine, liquor licensing, application and fee requirements, and the overall cap on the number of gaming machines in the District.
- (ii) Board venues may be established in the District subject to meeting gaming machine, application and fee requirements and the overall cap on the number of gaming machines in the District.

### 2. Number of Gaming Machines allowed per Class 4 Venue

- (i) Existing Class 4 venues that held a Class 4 venue licence on 17 October 2001 and there has not been a period of 6 months or more since 17 October 2001 when no class 4 venue licence was held, shall be allowed a maximum of 18 machines per venue.
- (ii) Existing Class 4 venues for which a Class 4 venue licence was granted after 17 October 2001 shall be allowed a maximum of 9 gaming machines per venue.
- (iii) New venues shall be allowed a maximum of 9 gaming machines per venue.
- (iv) Upon amalgamation of 2 or more corporate societies that are clubs, which individually held class 4 venue licences, the maximum number of machines in the new single class 4 venue shall not exceed the lesser of:
  - (a) 30 machines, or
  - (b) The sum of the number of gaming machines specified in all of the corporate societies' class 4 venue licences at the time of the application.
- (v) A corporate society that is a club that applies for Ministerial discretion in accordance with section 96 of the Gambling Act 2003 shall be allowed a maximum of 18 gaming machines per venue.

### 3. Overall Cap on the Number of Gaming Machines in the District.

- (i) Consents will not be granted to new Class 4 Venues and Board Venues if the total number of gaming machines in the Western Bay of Plenty District exceeds the ratio of 1 machine per 208 population.

The assessment of the population in the Western Bay of Plenty District will be based on the current census information, and updated on 1 January annually using the medium population growth projection rate from Statistics New Zealand.

The assessment of the number of gaming machines in the Western Bay of Plenty District boundaries will be based on information available from the Department of Internal Affairs on 1 January each year.

- (ii) Where a society surrenders or otherwise ceases to operate the number of machines registered with the Department of Internal Affairs, a licence may be granted:
  - (a) To that society in relation to another venue; or if that society does not wish to operate the machine(s) at another venue; then
  - (b) To another society in relation to a different venue.

### 4. Liquor Licensing Conditions

All Class 4 venues (excluding Board venues) must have an on licence or club licence for the sale of liquor for consumption on the premises at all times.

### 5. Applications

Applications for consent must be made on the approved form and must include:

- (i) Name and contact details for the application, including the society name, the venue trading name(s) and the venue operator(s) name.
- (ii) Name and contact details
- (iii) Street address of the premises proposed for the Class 4 venue or Board venue
- (iv) Number of gaming machines currently in the venue and number of proposed machines
- (v) Details of liquor licence(s) applying to the premises

### 6. Application Fee

Application fees will be set by Council from time to time, and shall include consideration of:

- (i) The cost of processing the application
- (ii) The cost of reviewing the Class 4 venue and Board venue policy

- (iii) The cost of inspecting Class 4 venues to ensure compliance with consent or licence conditions
- (iv) A contribution to the costs of assessing the impact of gambling in the District.

**Application fee for the financial year ending 30 June 2006: \$50 (including GST)**

**7. Policy Review**

In addition to statutory requirements, Council may elect to review this policy at any time in order to respond to monitoring information and/or community feedback on the operation and level of activity of Class 4 and Board venues in the District.