

PERMIT CRITERIA FOR CONDUCTING LUCKY DRAWS WITH DIRECT SALES OF TICKETS

(with effect from 1 November 2020)

1. The Permit Officer may grant a society a permit or permits to conduct lucky draw if the society fulfils the following criteria:

- (a) The society must be registered with the Registrar of Societies or other relevant authority or otherwise established pursuant to any written law;
- (b) The society's constitution must not prohibit gambling or private lotteries permitted under the Private Lotteries Act 2011;
- (c) The society must have at least 500 members on its register (which is to be audited according to the Permit Officer's requirements) for at least one year prior to the application for a permit. The following categories of members may be included for the purpose of this sub-paragraph:
 - i. Ordinary members (or its equivalent);
 - ii. The duration of membership must not be less than one year from the time the membership commenced (where the membership is for a limited duration); and
 - iii. Any such other categories of membership as the Permit Officer may approve.
- (d) The society must offer a wide range of substantive social and recreational offerings such that the conduct of lucky draws, if approved, would form only an ancillary part of the society's social and recreational offerings;
- (e) The society must have been offering the social and recreational offerings referred to in paragraph 1(d) for at least one year prior to the application for a permit.
- (f) The whole proceeds of the lucky draw, after deducting the sums reasonably incurred for expenses in the conduct of the lucky draw, shall be applied towards the purpose of the society;
- (g) The sums reasonably incurred for the expenses in the conduct of the lucky draw (including the cost of prizes) shall not exceed 30% of the gross proceeds of the lucky draw; and
- (h) Only members of the society may participate in the lucky draw.

2. In deciding whether or not to grant a permit, the Permit Officer may also take into account other relevant factors in addition to the above matters.

3. (a) The society must provide a statement from its President/Chairman (or equivalent) that the society can and will comply with the permit conditions applicable to it if a permit is granted. The statement shall be in such form as the Permit Officer may require.

3. (b) The President/Chairman (or equivalent) shall be the permit holder