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Public notice of intention to apply for a gambling licence



Legislation

95. Public notice of intention to apply for gambling licence

1. A person shall, at least 28 days prior to making an application for a gambling licence or an application for renewal of a gambling licence, publish a notice of the person's intention to so apply and send a copy of the notice to the Authority.
2. A notice under subsection (1) shall contain such information, and be published in such places, including in newspapers and on websites, and in such form and manner, as may be specified by the Authority.
3. The Authority shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of a copy of a notice under subsection (1), publish the notice on its website.

Information for proposed licensees

The purpose of this guidance is to assist proposed licensees in preparing a notice of intention to apply for a gambling licence under section 95 of the Gambling Regulation Act 2024 (the "Act"). It sets out:

- ▶ what information must be included in a notice
- ▶ where notices must be published
- ▶ notice templates

What do I need to do?

All persons intending to apply for a gambling licence, or applying for the renewal of a gambling licence, must publish a public notice. A notice must be published at least 28 days before you apply for a gambling licence.

What must the notice include?

A notice must include:

- ▶ details of the proposed licensee,
- ▶ the type of licence being applied for and,
- ▶ in the case of an application for an in-person licence, a list of every premises to which the licence will apply.

There should be **one** notice for **each** licence application. If you are applying for an in-person licence to provide gambling activities at multiple premises, the notice may need to be published in multiple places. Please see the guidance below.

If any of the details included in the notice of intention are not mirrored in the licence application made to the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland ("**GRAI**"), the licence application may be refused. In such cases, a new notice may need to be made reflecting the correct details which would require a fresh 28-day period. You must ensure that all information included in any notice is accurate and correct at the time of publication.

Where do I have to publish the notice?

Where you are applying for an **in-person licence to provide gambling activities at a premises**, you must publish the notice in a local newspaper circulating in the local authority area in which the premises is located. Publication in local newspapers will ensure that communities are informed of the gambling activity that is proposed for their area.

Where you are applying for an **in-person licence to provide gambling activities at multiple premises**, and these premises are spread across different local authority areas, you must publish the notice in local newspapers circulating in those local authority areas and in a national newspaper. A national newspaper means a daily newspaper circulating in the State.

Publication in a national newspaper in addition to local newspapers will provide increased visibility reflecting the broader geographical spread of the proposed licensee's operations.

Where you are applying for an **in-person licence to provide on course betting activities** at one or more relevant premises and nowhere else, you must publish the notice in a national newspaper only. A relevant premises is:

- ▶ a greyhound racetrack under the Greyhound Industry Act 1958
- ▶ an authorised coursing ground under the Greyhound Industry Act 1958
- ▶ an authorised racecourse under the Irish Horseracing Industry Act 1994
- ▶ a place at which a point-to-point steeplechase meeting is being held under the Irish Horseracing Industry Act 1994

Where you are applying for a **remote gambling licence**, you must publish the notice in a national newspaper only.

It is the responsibility of the proposed licensee to ensure that the selected local newspaper where the notice is published is circulating within the local authority area to which the licence application relates. There are 31 local authorities in Ireland. The local authority for your premises will be the county council, city council or city and county council responsible for the area in which the premises is located. The GRAI has provided an indicative list of national and local newspapers where notices may be published in Appendix 1.

It is also the responsibility of the proposed licensee to ensure that the selected national newspaper is a daily newspaper circulating in the State.

Publication must be made in the physical and online editions of the local and national newspapers.

Once a notice has been published, a copy or copies must be sent to publicnotice@portal.grai.ie as soon as practicable along with details of the newspaper where the notice was published and the date on which it was published. The GRAI will publish the notice on its website as soon as practicable after receipt.

The form of notice to be used, along with explanatory notes, are set out below.

Publication of notices in relation to in-person gambling licences

Where you are applying for an in-person gambling licence to provide a relevant gambling activity at a single premises or at less than four premises in a single local authority area, the notice must be published in a local newspaper circulating in that local authority area.

Where you are applying for an in-person gambling licence to provide a relevant gambling activity at multiple premises across multiple local authority areas or at four or more premises in a single local authority area, the notice must be published:

1. in a local newspaper; and
2. in a national newspaper.

A number of example scenarios are provided below to illustrate the requirements in relation to the publication of a notice:

Scenario 1

The proposed licensee is going to apply for an in-person gambling licence for one premises located in Carlow County Council's local authority area.

Notice publication required: notice published in a local newspaper circulating in Carlow County Council's local authority area listing the one premises. One total publication of the notice.

Scenario 2

The proposed licensee is going to apply for an in-person gambling licence for two premises located in Cavan County Council's local authority area.

Notice publication required: notice published in a local newspaper circulating in Cavan County Council's local authority area listing the two premises. One total publication of the notice.

Scenario 3

The proposed licensee is going to apply for an in-person gambling licence for four premises located in Clare County Council's local authority area.

Notice publication required: notice published in a local newspaper circulating in Clare County Council's local authority area listing the four premises and notice published in a national newspaper. Two total publications of the notice.

Scenario 4

The proposed licensee is going to apply for an in-person gambling licence for two premises, one located in Cork County Council's local authority area and one located in Donegal County Council's local authority area.

Notice publication required: notice published in a local newspaper circulating in Cork County Council's local authority area; notice published in a local newspaper circulating in Donegal County Council's local authority area; and notice published in a national newspaper. Three total publications of the notice.

Scenario 5

The proposed licensee is going to apply for an in-person gambling licence for 10 premises, with one premises in 10 different local authority areas across Ireland.

Notice publication required: notice published in a local newspaper circulating in each of the 10 local authority areas and one notice in a national newspaper. 11 total publications of the notice (this number may be reduced where the local newspaper(s) are circulating in multiple of the relevant local authority areas, i.e. in neighbouring local authority areas).

Scenario 6

The proposed licensee is going to apply for an in-person gambling licence for 100 premises, with at least one premises in each local authority area in Ireland. There are 31 local authorities in Ireland.

Notice publication required: notice published in a local newspaper circulating in each local authority area (31) and one notice in a national newspaper. 32 total publications of the notice (this number may be reduced where the local newspaper(s) are circulating in multiple of the relevant local authority areas, i.e. in neighbouring local authority areas).

Publication of notices in relation to on-course betting licences

Where you are applying for an in-person licence to provide on course betting activities at one or more relevant premises and nowhere else, the notice must be published in a national newspaper. A separate notice template is provided below and should be used if these circumstances apply to you.

Publication of notices in relation to remote gambling licences

Where you are applying for a remote gambling licence, the notice must be published in a national newspaper.

Notice Templates

Public notice of intention to apply for gambling licence

Notice is hereby given under section 95 of the Gambling Regulation Act 2024 that following the expiry of 28 days of the date of publication of this notice, [name of the proposed licensee] of [address of the proposed licensee's main office or place of business or registered address] (the "**Proposed Licensee**"), the Proposed Licensee intends to apply for a [business to consumer gambling licence [section 84(a)]] being [an in-person betting licence [section 85(1)(a)]] / [a remote betting licence [section 85(1)(b)]] / [a remote betting intermediary licence [section 85(1)(d)]] / [an in-person gaming licence [section 86(3)(a)]] / [a remote gaming licence [section 86(3)(b)]] / [an in-person lottery licence [section 87(3)(a)]] / [a remote lottery licence [section 87(3)(b)]]¹.

The gambling activity sought to be licensed is proposed to be provided by the Proposed Licensee from the following premises in the State:²

[address or information sufficient to enable clear identification of the location of the premises], situated in the local authority area of [name of local authority].³

Dated this [date of publication]

[Name of the individual responsible for publication of the notice]

On behalf of [name of the Proposed Licensee]

Public notice of intention to apply for in-person licence for betting from relevant premises only ("on course")

Notice is hereby given under section 95 of the Gambling Regulation Act 2024 (the "Act") that following the expiry of 28 days of the date of publication of this notice, [name of the proposed licensee] of [address of the proposed licensee's main office or place of business or registered address] (the "Proposed Licensee"), the Proposed Licensee intends to apply for a business to consumer gambling licence being an in-person betting licence.

The gambling activity sought to be licensed is proposed to be provided by the Proposed Licensee from relevant premises (within the meaning of section 2 (1) of the Act) only.

Dated this [date of publication]

[Name of the individual responsible for publication of the notice]

On behalf of [name of the Proposed Licensee]

1 Delete the licences that do not apply.

2 To be included where the application is for an in-person licence.

3 List every premises to which the licence will apply.

Appendix 1

National newspapers

Newspaper name(s)
Irish Times
The Sunday Independent
Irish Independent
Irish Mail on Sunday
The Daily Mail
Sunday Times
Irish Examiner
The Irish Daily Star
The Irish Mirror
The Irish Sun
Sunday World
Sunday Business Post
The Herald

Local newspapers

#	Local Authority	Newspaper name(s)
1.	Carlow County Council	Carlow Nationalist
2.	Cavan County Council	Anglo Celt Meath Chronicle Longford Leader
3.	Clare County Council	The Clare Champion The Clare Echo
4.	Cork County Council	The Corkman North Cork Edition The Corkman Muskerry Edition The Corkman Avondhu Edition The Southern Star The Mallow/Vale Star The East Cork Journal The Avondhu The Carrigdhoun
5.	Donegal County Council	Derry People Derry Journal Donegal Democrat Donegal News Donegal Post Finn Valley Voice Inish Times Inishowen Independent Letterkenny Live Tirconail Tribune
6.	Dun Laoghaire / Rathdown	The Echo Southside People Dublin Gazette South Edition The Southside News Dublin People South
7.	Fingal County Council	Northside People (East) Northside People (West) Liffey Champion The Dublin Gazette
8.	Galway County Council	Connacht Tribune Tuam Herald

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9.	Kerry County Council	The Kerryman Kerry's Eye The Kingdom
10.	Kildare County Council	Kildare Nationalist Leinster Leader The Liffey Champion The Kildare Post
11.	Kilkenny County Council	Kilkenny People Kilkenny Observer Kilkenny Reporter Munster Express
12.	Laois County Council	Laois Nationalist Leinster Express
13.	Leitrim County Council	Leitrim Observer Roscommon Herald Longford Leader Longford News Anglo Celt Sligo Champion Donegal Democrat
14.	Longford County Council	The Longford Leader
15.	Louth County Council	The Argus The Dundalk Democrat The Dundalk Leader The Drogheda Independent
16.	Mayo County Council	The Western People The Connaught Telegraph The Mayo Advertiser The Mayo News
17.	Meath County Council	Meath Chronicle Meath Topic Westmeath Examiner Drogheda Independent Drogheda Leader Anglo Celt Leinster Leader Liffey Champion
18.	Monaghan County Council	Anglo Celt Dundalk Democrat
19.	Offaly County Council	Tullamore & Midland Tribune Offaly Independent Offaly Topic Leinster/Offaly Express
20.	Roscommon County Council	Roscommon Herald Roscommon People Westmeath Independent Athlone Advertiser Connaught Tribune Longford Leader Western People Galway Advertiser Sligo Champion Leitrim Observer

#	Local Authority	Newspaper name(s)
21.	Sligo County Council	The Sligo Champion The Sligo Weekender The Western People
22.	South Dublin County Council	The Echo The Leinster Leader The Liffey Champion Southside News Southside People
23.	Tipperary County Council	Nenagh Guardian Midland Tribune Tipperary Star The Premier South Tipp News
24.	Westmeath County Council	Westmeath Topic Westmeath Examiner Westmeath Independent Athlone Topic Athlone Advertiser
25.	Wexford County Council	Wexford People
26.	Wicklow County Council	The Wicklow People The Wicklow Times
27.	Cork City Council	Cork Independent The Corkman East Cork Journal The Carrigdhoun
28.	Dublin City Council	Dublin Gazette (City Edition) The Northside & Southside News The Echo Group Local News South, North and West Northside People (East) Northside People (West) Southside People
29.	Galway City Council	Galway Advertiser Galway City Tribune Connacht Tribune
30.	Limerick City & County Council	The Limerick Post The Limerick Leader The Wednesday Leader The Weekly Observer The Vale Star The Avondhu
31.	Waterford City and County Council	The Munster Express The Dungarvan Leader The Dungarvan Observer Waterford News & Star

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