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# Competitions, raffles, bingo and other charitable games

Art unions, raffles, bingo, lucky envelopes, Calcutta sweeps and promotional games (trade promotions or competitions) are regulated under the *Charitable and Non-Profit Gaming Act 1999*.

Under the Act, these different games are broken into categories, some of which require a licence.

## Category 1 games

- Includes raffles (art unions), sweeps, Calcutta sweeps, football doubles, lucky door prizes, bingo
- Gross proceeds are not more than \$2,000
- The total value of prizes in any raffle must be at least 20% of the estimated gross proceeds (total ticket sales)
- Can be conducted by a non-profit association and, in limited cases, an individual
- Read the [Guide to category 1 games up to \\$2000 \(total ticket sales\)](https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/charitable-and-non-profit-gaming-forms-and-resources/resource/6d34128b-22ed-47b1-be76-d16c739d10e3) (<https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/charitable-and-non-profit-gaming-forms-and-resources/resource/6d34128b-22ed-47b1-be76-d16c739d10e3>)
- **Does not require a licence**

## Category 2 games

- Includes raffles, sweeps, Calcutta sweeps, football doubles, lucky door prizes, bingo
- Gross proceeds are more than \$2,000 but not more than \$50,000
- The total value of prizes in any raffle must be at least 20% of the estimated gross proceeds (total ticket sales)
- Can be conducted by an eligible non-profit association
- If a club is an 'eligible association' it can conduct raffles up to \$50,000 without any licence, permit or permit number. See section 10 of the [Charitable and Non-Profit Gaming Act 1999](https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/C/ChariNonProA99.pdf) (PDF, 550KB) (<https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/C/ChariNonProA99.pdf>) for meaning of 'eligible association'
- Read the [Guide to category 2 games - Gross proceeds more than \\$2,000 but not more than \\$50,000 \(total ticket sales\)](https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/charitable-and-non-profit-gaming-forms-and-resources/resource/88a19632-e081-4bac-ac6f-13a2e0b71826) (<https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/charitable-and-non-profit-gaming-forms-and-resources/resource/88a19632-e081-4bac-ac6f-13a2e0b71826>)
- **Does not require a licence**

## Category 3 games

- Includes raffles or art unions
- Gross proceeds are more than \$50,000
- Can be conducted by an eligible incorporated non-profit association

- A licence number must be printed on all category 3 games where the ticket sales are estimated to exceed \$50,000
- The total value of prizes in any raffle must be at least 20% of the estimated gross proceeds (total ticket sales)
- Read the [Guide to category 3 games - Gross proceeds more than \\$50,000 \(total ticket sales\)](https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/charitable-and-non-profit-gaming-forms-and-resources/resource/ca7280c4-56a9-4435-8422-ff7c92830825) (<https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/charitable-and-non-profit-gaming-forms-and-resources/resource/ca7280c4-56a9-4435-8422-ff7c92830825>)
- **Requires a [category 3 gaming licence](https://ablis.business.gov.au/qld/pages/53aa92f5-1043-401e-b41e-20ba938f130e.aspx)** (<https://ablis.business.gov.au/qld/pages/53aa92f5-1043-401e-b41e-20ba938f130e.aspx>)

## Special category 3 games

- Must be a person intending to conduct a single art union for the welfare or benefit of individuals who need help because of a disaster or a disadvantaged individual
- Gross proceeds are more than \$5,000
- **Requires a [special category 3 gaming licence](https://ablis.business.gov.au/qld/pages/74772ce1-b100-407f-aff2-7bee9dcaa61e.aspx)** (<https://ablis.business.gov.au/qld/pages/74772ce1-b100-407f-aff2-7bee9dcaa61e.aspx>)

## Category 4 promotional games (trade promotions)

- These are free entry draws conducted to promote goods or services
- Any person may conduct a promotional game; however, they are normally conducted by businesses to promote the sale of products
- Read the [Guide to category 4 promotional games](https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/charitable-and-non-profit-gaming-forms-and-resources/resource/7bb13077-4c00-42ac-a747-016f5ed2831f) (<https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/charitable-and-non-profit-gaming-forms-and-resources/resource/7bb13077-4c00-42ac-a747-016f5ed2831f>)
- **Does not require a licence**

## Bingo centres

- A bingo centre is where 2 or more eligible associations conduct, between them, more than 25 bingo sessions each week
- **Requires a [bingo centre licence](https://ablis.business.gov.au/qld/pages/c628d983-d41f-4d77-a254-9b790ca4d9f7.aspx)** (<https://ablis.business.gov.au/qld/pages/c628d983-d41f-4d77-a254-9b790ca4d9f7.aspx>)

## Lucky envelopes

- Lucky envelopes are a type of pre-determined lottery. They are sold as 'break-open' type tickets where the correct combination of numbers/letters/pictures on the tickets produces a winner
- Lucky envelopes can be conducted by an eligible association
- An eligible association must not sell lucky envelopes unless the envelopes have been printed under a licence
- **Requires a [lucky envelopes printer's licence](https://ablis.business.gov.au/qld/pages/24ca77ff-699f-4111-8c24-033d5d24792b.aspx)** (<https://ablis.business.gov.au/qld/pages/24ca77ff-699f-4111-8c24-033d5d24792b.aspx>)

## Tipping competitions

- Can be conducted by an individual or an association
- All proceeds must be returned to the players as prizes
- **Does not require a licence**

## Legislation

Charitable and non-profit gaming operates under the following legislation:

- [Charitable and Non-Profit Gaming Act 1999 \(PDF, 550KB\)](https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/C/ChariNonProA99.pdf) (<https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/C/ChariNonProA99.pdf>)

- [Charitable and Non-Profit Gaming Regulation 1999 \(PDF, 362KB\)](https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/C/ChariNonProR99.pdf) (<https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/C/ChariNonProR99.pdf>)
- [Charitable and Non-Profit Gaming Rule 2010](https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/gaming-rules/resource/d9ea3957-4d92-4a57-8966-298a7a50ad84) (<https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/gaming-rules/resource/d9ea3957-4d92-4a57-8966-298a7a50ad84>).

## Licence applications and fact sheets

Download [licence application forms, fact sheets and other resources](https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/charitable-and-non-profit-gaming-forms-and-resources)

(<https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/charitable-and-non-profit-gaming-forms-and-resources>) related to charitable and non-profit gaming.

## Resource manuals

- [Queensland responsible gambling resource manual: Charitable and non-profit](https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/responsible-gambling-code-of-practice-and-resource-manuals/resource/ad969fe3-a227-4543-b21d-e91cac290b05) (<https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/responsible-gambling-code-of-practice-and-resource-manuals/resource/ad969fe3-a227-4543-b21d-e91cac290b05>)
- [Queensland responsible gambling resource manual: Bingo](https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/responsible-gambling-code-of-practice-and-resource-manuals/resource/a1163977-5b81-4a23-8bd8-f4a0acb6654d) (<https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/responsible-gambling-code-of-practice-and-resource-manuals/resource/a1163977-5b81-4a23-8bd8-f4a0acb6654d>)

## Code of practice

- [Queensland responsible code of practice](https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/responsible-gambling-code-of-practice-and-resource-manuals/resource/7c0d2522-e5eb-47a8-bd7b-41e0638c632e) (<https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/responsible-gambling-code-of-practice-and-resource-manuals/resource/7c0d2522-e5eb-47a8-bd7b-41e0638c632e>)
- [Fact sheet: Rights and responsibilities \(Queensland responsible code of practice\)](https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/responsible-gambling-code-of-practice-and-resource-manuals/resource/a8768a87-5850-4021-a88d-a29f4e20e7c6) (<https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/responsible-gambling-code-of-practice-and-resource-manuals/resource/a8768a87-5850-4021-a88d-a29f4e20e7c6>)

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