



## WARNING

The Eastern Cape Gambling & Betting Board (“ECGBB”) hereby wishes to alert members of the public that, in terms of Eastern Cape Gambling legislation—

**?? It is a criminal offence, inter alia—**

- ?? **to gamble on a gambling machine** or expose such a machine for play **unless the premises on which the machine is located have been licensed by the ECGBB;**
- ?? To use a personal computer as a gambling machine or possess software allowing a personal computer to be used for gambling (unless the gambling is betting with a bookmaker or totalisator licensed in any Province of South Africa);
- ?? **for a person within the Province to gamble on an internet casino** and also for an internet casino to enter into a gambling transaction with a person in the Province;
- ?? for any person to advertise an Internet casino aimed at South Africans within the Province;
- ?? **To possess a gambling machine or gambling table without a licence or authority issued by the ECGBB.**

**?? A machine is a gambling machine if—**

- ?? A player directly or indirectly **pays money to play** the machine; and
- ?? By virtue of chance or the player’s skill or both **the player can win a prize;** and
- ?? The **prize is any cash prize** (even 10 cents!) or any non-cash prize with a value exceeding R 20,00.

(It is irrelevant if the prize is paid out by the machine itself or indirectly by any other person or scheme and it is also an offence to convert a non-cash prize to a cash prize utilizing any scheme or arrangement).

**?? Gambling machines can only lawfully be played at casinos and limited gambling machine sites licensed by the ECGBB. Such sites must display their ECGBB licences in a prominent place.**

Employees of such businesses who are involved in the gambling operations must carry their ECGBB registration certificates. In the case of a gambling machine outside of a casino, a copy of the licence of the route operator must also be displayed.

**?? The ECGBB will lay criminal charges against any person offering or participating in gambling in contravention with Eastern Cape gambling legislation. Persons convicted of illegal gambling can be imprisoned, fined or both imprisoned and fined.**

**?? Persons under the age of 18 years are not allowed to enter any area where gambling takes place. It is also an offence to claim a minor is over 18 in order for that person to gain access to any area where gambling takes place.**

A full copy of the legislation can be found on [www.ecgbb.co.za](http://www.ecgbb.co.za). If you come across an illegal gambling business or want to know if a business is licensed, the ECGBB can be contacted at Telephone: (043) 702 8300; Facsimile: (043) 748 2218; E-mail: [nwabisam@ecgbb.co.za](mailto:nwabisam@ecgbb.co.za).

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