

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

NEW ONLINE GAMING SERVICES LAUNCHED

VICTORIA – British Columbians can now go online to access a full range of gaming information and licence application services 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

People needing gaming licences can now apply for all four classes (A B, C and D) of licences online – previously, only one category was available online. All categories of gaming grants, including Direct Access, Bingo Affiliation, Capital Project, and Parent Advisory Council/District Parent Advisory Council grants, can now be applied for online where previously no gaming grant applications were available online.

Applicants are also now able to access online services such as submitting charitable gaming reports and viewing or updating their profile information. A new "Class D" gaming event licence is also now available for small-scale fundraising events. All required payments can now also be made online through Visa or MasterCard.

Traditional paper applications will still be accepted through the usual processes, and staff will be available to provide assistance as needed. Supporting documents can be mailed, faxed or attached electronically in a PDF format.

To find details on the new D licence or for information regarding online service or other gaming services, please visit http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/gaming online, e-mail Gaming.Branch@gov.bc.ca or phone (250) 387-5311 in Victoria or 1-800-663-7867 for locations outside Victoria.

Gaming revenues are used to provide programs and services in every corner of the province. The gaming branch processes more than 13,000 applications for gaming licences and grants per year. In 2007/08, in total, community organizations will receive approximately \$204.2 million in gaming revenue from all sources (licensed gaming and gaming grant programs), up from an estimated \$200.5 million in 2006/07.

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