



Information for B.C. Bar and Pub Owners: Slot Machines and VLTs in British Columbia

This document provides information for British Columbia bar and pub owners regarding slot machines and VLTs (video lottery terminals) in liquor establishments.

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1. What is the difference between a slot machine and a VLT?

There is no difference between a slot machine and a VLT.

As is the case in other provinces, British Columbia uses the term “slot machines” to refer to such gaming machines present in traditional gaming facilities. As is the case in other provinces, British Columbia uses the term “VLTs” to refer to such gaming machines present outside of traditional gaming facilities (usually in pubs and bars).

2. Where are slot machines and VLTs allowed in B.C.?

The Province only allows slot machines in certain legal gaming venues (casinos, community gaming centres and race tracks).

The Province does not permit slot machines or VLTs in any other location in the province, including pubs and bars.

3. What forms of gaming are allowed in B.C.'s pubs and bars?

The Province of British Columbia allows only very limited forms of gaming in pubs and bars.

Within the broad guidelines set by the Province, the Liquor Control & Licensing Branch (LCLB) determines what specific forms of gaming are permitted in B.C.'s pubs and bars. These include the sale of BCLC products like Racetrax and Keno, and a limited variety of gaming events licensed by the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch, such as off-track betting, charity ticket raffles, bingo events and small-scale Texas Hold'em poker.

Conditions set by LCLB on gaming in liquor establishments may be found in the "Liquor Primary Licence Terms and Conditions: A Guide for Liquor Licensees in British Columbia" at <http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/lclb/resources> (Click on "Licensee Guides.")

4. In B.C., who decides where slot machines are located?

The British Columbia Lottery Corporation makes these decisions, but they cannot introduce slot machines into a gaming facility without the prior approval of the local government.

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