

REGISTRATION DIVISION STATISTICS 2005/06

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The Registration Division determines the suitability of employees and service providers to participate in the gaming industry. The Division certifies gaming equipment and lottery schemes.

The Registration Division works closely with other jurisdictions, nationally and internationally, in conducting investigations

into the suitability of individuals and companies. In addition, the Division reviews ownership, lease agreements and sources of proposed financing for new and relocated gaming venues; certifies and approves gaming equipment; and maintains a registry of services providers and gaming workers.

Approved or Renewed Registrations

Gaming services providers (14)

Gaming equipment suppliers (12)

Key persons (129)

Gaming workers (4,796)

Horse racing workers (1,133)

Ancillary service contractors (19)

Certificates of Technical Integrity (345)

Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch
and BC Lottery Corporation Staff (38)

Cancelled or Suspended Registrations

Ceased employment—3,470

The majority of registrations are cancelled due to gaming workers choosing to voluntarily leave the gaming industry.

All other cancellations—125

A further 125 registrations were refused or cancelled for other reasons.

Other regulatory actions—43

Other regulatory actions taken by the Division included:

- Issuing seven warnings, seven suspensions and sixteen conditional registrations;
- Undertaking twelve reconsiderations and one administrative review (appeals).



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Gaming Services Providers – commercial casinos, bingo halls, community gaming centres, horse race tracks and gaming management companies

Gaming services providers include businesses that provide gaming supplies, gaming workers or gaming facilities.

The registration process includes a thorough background investigation of senior company officials, including but not limited to, criminal record, financial and personal integrity checks. In addition, all individuals with a vested interest in a gaming services provider must be approved by the Division. This includes significant shareholders and financiers.

As a condition of registration, GPEB investigators and inspectors require full access

to gaming premises for the purpose of conducting investigations, inspections, audits and monitoring for compliance with the Gaming Control Act.

Registrations are granted for either three or five years. Commercial bingo and casino operators must have an operational service agreement with the B.C. Lottery Corporation as a condition of registration.

In 2005/06, the Division renewed or issued 14 registrations for gaming services providers. As of March 31, 2006 there were 91 registered gaming services providers in B.C.

Gaming Equipment Suppliers – gaming equipment manufactures and suppliers (e.g. bingo cards, slot machines, table game equipment, playing chips, etc.)

Gaming equipment suppliers manufacture and/or distribute gaming equipment and supplies to gaming venues. This includes companies that produce gaming equipment or materials such as bingo cards, slot machines and playing chips.

The registration process includes a background investigation of the company and its senior officials, including but not limited to criminal record, financial and personal integrity checks. As a condition of registration,

investigators and inspectors must be given full access to warehouses, assembly plants and printing facilities for the purpose of inspections, audits and monitoring for compliance with the Gaming Control Act.

Registrations are typically granted for up to five years. In 2005/06, the Division renewed or issued 12 registrations for gaming equipment suppliers. As of March 31, 2006 there were 49 registered gaming equipment suppliers in B.C.

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Key Persons – Directors, company officers, casino and bingo hall managers, security, surveillance or personnel managers, and senior employees.

Key persons are registered for up to five years and are required to undergo a rigorous vetting process to ensure their suitability to work in the gaming industry. The Division conducts a background check that includes, but is not limited to, a criminal record and credit check and verification of assets and liabilities.

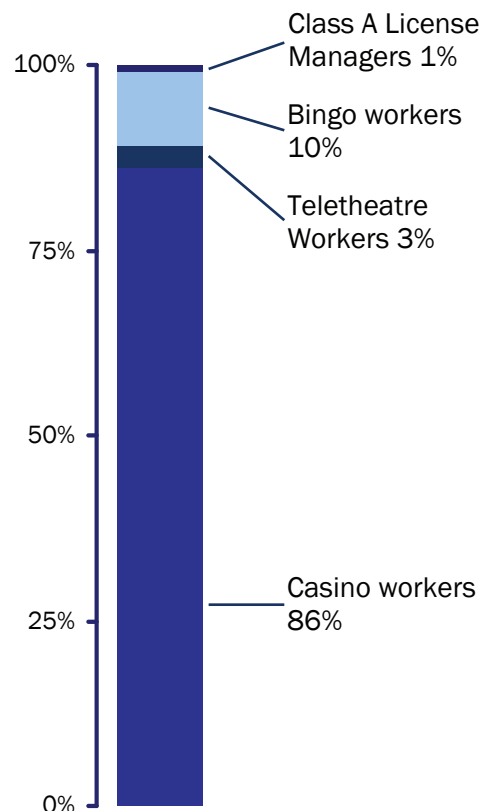
In 2005/06, the Division renewed or issued 129 registrations for key persons. As of March 31, 2006 there were 590 active registered key persons in B.C.

Gaming Workers – Employees of casinos, teletheatres, bingo halls, community gaming centres, and managers of large-scale licensed gaming events.

In 2005/06, the Division issued or renewed 4,796 gaming worker registrations. As of March 31, 2006 there were 9,019 active registered gaming workers in B.C.

There are four categories of gaming workers:

- Casino workers who conduct casino games, provide customer service, or maintain casino facilities.
- Teletheatre workers who manage wagering on televised horse races at a teletheatre site.
- Bingo workers who conduct bingo games in bingo halls and community gaming centres.
- Class A Licence managers who are responsible for the operation of gaming events on behalf of licensed charitable organizations.



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Horse Racing Workers – Race horse owners, veterinarians , jockeys, hot walkers, trainers, blacksmiths, backstretch personnel, grooms, etc.

All individuals who work for or conduct business at race tracks must be registered by the Registration Division to ensure the integrity of racing operations. Once an individual is registered, the Racing Division issues licences to allow race track workers to be employed in specific roles (e.g., veterinarians, jockeys, trainers, race horse owners, hot walkers, etc.).

In 2005/06, the Division renewed or issued 1,133 registrations for horse racing workers. As of March 31, 2006 there were 3,390 active registered horse racing workers in B.C.

Ancillary Service Contractors—Janitorial service providers, building maintenance contractors, landlords and concessionaires

Ancillary service contractors include companies that provide services to gaming operators that are not directly related to the delivery of gaming operations. These include janitorial services, landlords and concessionaires.

In 2005/06, the Division renewed or issued registrations for 19 ancillary service contractors. As of March 31, 2006 there were 87 ancillary service contractors registered in B.C.

Certificates of Technical Integrity – Slot machines, casino gaming tables and software for lottery products offered through the Internet by the BC Lottery Corporation.

The Registration Division approves every type of gaming equipment used the province. In 2005/06, the Division approved and issued technical standards documents for electronic gaming equipment. Gaming equipment is examined in independent testing labs to verify the quality and integrity of equipment.

In 2005/06, the Division issued 345 Certificates of Technical Integrity for electronic gaming equipment, including slot machines, gaming management systems and lottery products provided over the Internet. As of March 31, 2006 the Division has issued 1,207 such certificates.