

GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 79

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE NATIONAL LOTTERIES ACT, 1968

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE MINISTER UNDER SECTION 31 OF THE
NATIONAL LOTTERIES ACT

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Lotteries Regulations, Citation 1969.

2. In these Regulations:—

Definitions

"agent" means a person appointed by the Board and who has entered into an agreement with the Board to purchase for sale a stipulated number of tickets for each lottery during the period of the agreement.

"vendor" means a person registered to sell lottery tickets with an agent.

3. A lottery shall be held at such time as the Board may appoint and such lottery shall be drawn on the date stated on the tickets but the Board may, if it thinks fit, direct that the lottery be drawn at any time thereafter.

Board to appoint times for holding of lottery

4. The Board shall appoint agents to sell lottery tickets.

Board to appoint agents

5. Each agent shall be allowed a discount of 15 per centum of the value of the tickets purchased.

Agent allowed 15 per centum discount

6. (1) An agent shall give a bond in such form as the Board may determine so as to secure a sum equal to three times the value of the tickets stipulated to be purchased for an ordinary lottery in his agreement with the Board or such number of lotteries as the Board may from time to time determine.

Agent to give Bond

(2) Any deposit required by the Board under paragraph (1) shall be credited to an account called the National Lotteries Agents' Deposit Account operated by the Board and maintained at the Central Bank.

7. (1) Each agent shall keep and maintain a register of the names and addresses of vendors who obtain tickets from him for resale.

Agent to keep register of vendors

(2) Such register shall be kept in such a manner and for such period as the Board may direct.

8. Where an agent sells tickets to a vendor, the agent shall give to the vendor a receipt stating the number of tickets so sold and the serial numbers of such tickets.

Agent to give receipt to vendor

- Vendor to be allowed 10 per cent discount
9. On obtaining tickets for resale from an agent with whom he is registered a vendor shall be allowed a discount of not less than ten per cent of the value of such tickets.
- Agent to give Board two months notice
10. An agent may terminate his agreement with the Board by giving to the Board two months' notice thereof.
- Termination of Agency
11. On the termination of the agency and on the satisfactory settlement of his account with the Board an agent shall be absolved from all obligations stated in the agreement with the Board.
- Implied terms in agreement
12. Regulations 6 to 10 shall be implied terms of every agreement for the purchase of tickets entered into by an Agent with the Board. An Agent who is in breach of any term of his agreement may have his agreement terminated forthwith and his bond forfeited.
- Notice of draw
13. Before any lottery is drawn the Board shall cause to be published in the *Gazette* and in at least one daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago—
- (a) the date, the time when and the place where the draw will take place;
 - (b) the number and the price of tickets issued by the Board for sale in respect of the Lottery, and any other particulars concerning the tickets which it may consider necessary to publish;
 - (c) the number and value of the prizes apportioned to the Lottery and the place where and the hours during which payment of prizes may be claimed.
- Particulars to be specified on tickets
14. There shall be specified on every ticket—
- (a) the date and the number or other description of the draw lottery for which the ticket is issued;
 - (b) the serial number and price of the ticket.
 - (c) the number and value of the prizes apportioned to the lottery for which the ticket is issued including seller's prizes referred to in regulation 18;
 - (d) any other information or conditions (not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act) in connection with the conduct of the lottery that the Board may think fit.
- Procedure at draw
15. (1) Whenever any lottery is drawn there shall be present at the draw at least one member of the Board, and if, at the time appointed for the draw, there is no member present, the draw shall not be held, and the Board shall forthwith publish in a daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago such other date on which the draw shall be held.
- (2) The members of the Board present at a draw shall, before the commencement of the draw, appoint one of their members to preside at the draw, and the member so appointed shall—
- (a) put, or cause to be put, in motion the machine or other contrivance approved by the Board for drawing the number of the winning tickets;

- (b) declare the numbers of the winning tickets so drawn, and in the event of the same number being drawn more than once at a draw declare the second or subsequent draw null and void;
- (c) in the event of any breakdown or other difficulty occurring in the operation of the machine or contrivance aforesaid, direct that the drawing of the numbers of such tickets as then remain to be drawn shall be postponed until such time as he is satisfied that the draw can be resumed without difficulty.

(3) If, at the time when a draw is postponed under the provisions of subparagraph (c) of paragraph (2), one or more, but not all, of the digits necessary to determine the number of a winning ticket shall have been drawn, the number of that ticket shall, when the draw is resumed, be drawn afresh as to all its digits, and the digit or digits drawn before the postponement of the draw shall be disregarded.

(4) For the purpose of witnessing a draw of a lottery the public shall be admitted to the premises upon which the draw is conducted so far as may reasonably be practicable having regard to the accommodation available for such purpose.

(5) Any person who obstructs or impedes the drawing of a lottery or creates any disturbance on or near the premises on which a lottery is being or is about to be drawn, shall be guilty of an offence and shall on summary conviction thereof be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-four dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month.

16. The Board shall cause the numbers of the winning tickets drawn in every lottery to be published in the *Gazette* and in at least one daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago as soon as practicable after the lottery has been drawn. Result of draw to be published

17. Prizes shall be paid by the Board in respect of winning tickets in a lottery in accordance with the following provisions— Payment of prizes

- (a) payment shall be claimed by presenting and delivering up the ticket in respect of which the claim is made at the place and during the hours appointed for the purpose in the notice published in accordance with regulation 12;
- (b) payment shall be claimed within one year after the day of the draw at which the ticket in respect of which the claim is made was declared a winning ticket;
- (c) payment shall be made to the person who presents the ticket for the payment of the prize won by that ticket and such payment shall absolutely discharge the Board, its servants and agents of liability for payment of that prize.

18. The seller's prize shall be paid to the agent or vendor who sells any of the winning tickets on which sellers' prizes are payable. In determining the person to whom the seller's prize should be paid, the agent concerned shall be required to notify the Board in writing, whether the ticket for which the seller's prize is payable was sold by him or by a vendor. Where the information from the agent shows that the ticket was sold by a vendor, the vendor Seller's prize

shall be entitled to claim the prize by presenting a *bona fide* receipt from the agent. The records of the Board shall be used to verify the information submitted by the agent before payment is made. If the ticket was sold by the agent himself he shall be entitled to the seller's prize.

Auditor
General to
approve
accounting
system

19. The Board shall employ such system of accounting as the Auditor General may approve.

Made by the Minister this 3rd day of January, 1969.

ERIC WILLIAMS
Minister of Finance