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# THE LOTTERIES LAW

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Government Lotteries Short title.  
Regulations.

2. The Council of Ministers may appoint a committee, to be called Government Lottery Committee, consisting of a chairman and not fewer than six other members, who shall advise and assist the Director of Lotteries in the promotion and conduct of lotteries and exercise and perform the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon them by these Regulations.

3.—(1) The number of lotteries to be held in each year shall be fixed by the Director of Lotteries; and such lotteries shall be drawn on dates to be specified by him from time to time: Ordinary lotteries. Official Gazette, Suppl. III, 10.4.1964.

Provided that, if the Director of Lotteries deems it expedient, he may direct that a lottery shall be drawn on a date as he shall specify, other than the date originally fixed for the purpose.

(2) The price of a ticket issued for sale in respect of a lottery shall be specified by the Director of Lotteries, but in no case shall exceed one pound.

4.—(1) In addition to the ordinary lotteries, or in substitution for any ordinary lottery, the Director of Lotteries may, with the approval of the Minister of Finance, conduct any special lottery, as he may specify by a notification in the official Gazette of the Republic. Special lotteries. Official Gazette, Suppl. III, 10.4.1964.

(2) The lottery shall be held subject to such terms and conditions as the Director of Lotteries may specify in the notification, and the terms and conditions so specified may include the following: Official Gazette, Suppl. III(I), 17.8.1979.

- (a) that the winning numbers shall be prescribed otherwise than by draw;
- (b) that the provisions of any of these Regulations shall not apply to the lottery;
- (c) that any of these Regulations shall apply to the lottery subject to such amendments as may be prescribed in the notification;

- (d) that the lottery shall be issued and conducted subject to such other terms and conditions as may be deemed necessary.

Notice  
of draw.

5. Before any lottery is drawn the Director of Lotteries shall cause to be published in the official Gazette of the Republic and also, if he thinks fit, in any other convenient manner—

- (a) the date and time when and the place where the draw will take place;
- (b) the number of tickets issued by him for sale in respect of the lottery, their price and any other particulars concerning them which he may deem it desirable 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 stated  
in tickets.

6. The following particulars shall be set forth on every ticket—

- (a) the date and number or other description of the draw of the lottery for which the ticket is issued;
- (b) the number and price of the ticket;
- (c) the number and value of the prizes apportioned to the lottery for which the ticket is issued;
- (d) the total number of tickets issued in respect of that lottery and such other particulars, if any, as the Director of Lotteries may direct.

Procedure  
at draw.  
Official  
Gazette,  
Suppl. III,  
8.12.1961.

7.—(1) Whenever any lottery is drawn there shall be present at the draw at least three members of the Government Lottery Committee, and if, at the time appointed for the draw, there shall not be that number of members present, at least three such other persons as the Director of Lotteries may authorise, and if, at the time appointed for the draw, there shall not be that number of members or persons present, the draw shall be postponed until such time, whether on the same or on another day, as the Director of Lotteries or any other person who has been authorised for that purpose by the Director of Lotteries, may direct.

(2) The members of the Government Lottery Committee or the persons authorised by the Director of Lotteries, as in Regulation 7 above, present at a draw shall, before the commencement of the draw, appoint one of their number to preside at the draw, and the person so appointed shall—

- (a) put or cause to be put, in motion the machine or other contrivance approved by the Director of Lotteries for drawing the number of the winning tickets;
- (b) declare the number 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 number 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 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) of this Regulation, 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 digits drawn before the postponement of the draw shall be disregarded.

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

(5) Any person who obstructs or interferes with the drawing of a lottery or creates any disturbance or annoyance on or near the premises on which a lottery is drawn or is about to be drawn, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

Official Gazette,  
Suppl. III(I),  
26.11.1976.

8. The Director of Lotteries shall cause the numbers of the winning tickets drawn in every lottery to be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic as soon as he can conveniently do so after the lottery has been drawn.

Result of draw to be published.

9. Prizes shall be paid by the Director of Lotteries 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 notification published in pursuance of Regulation 5 of these Regulations;

(b) payment shall be claimed within six months after the day of the draw at which the ticket in respect of which the claim is made was declared a winning ticket or within such shorter period of time as the Director of Lotteries, taking into account all circumstances, may direct in relation to any winning numbers, by a notification in the Official Gazette of the Republic;

Official Gazette  
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18.2.1982.

(c) no payment shall be made before the day next following that of the draw at which the ticket was declared a winning ticket or, if that day is a Sunday or public holiday, before the next following day not being a Sunday or public holiday;

(d) payment shall be made to the person who presents the ticket for payment of the prize won by that ticket and such payment shall absolutely discharge the Director of Lotteries, the Government, its servants and agents in respect of the payment of that prize.

10. If payment of a prize is not claimed in the manner and within the period prescribed by Regulation 9 of these Regulations, and if the number of the ticket in respect of which the prize was payable shall have been duly published as provided in Regulation 8 of these Regulations, the proceeds of that prize shall upon the expiry of the period aforesaid be forfeited to the Republic of Cyprus and paid into the Consolidated Fund of the Republic for development purposes.

Forfeiture of unclaimed prize.

Official Gazette  
Suppl. III  
8.12.1961.

Defaced, etc.,  
tickets.

11. If, when any ticket is presented for payment of a prize, any number, mark, figure or word which is material for identifying the ticket is, the opinion of the Director of Lotteries, illegible or not clearly legible or incomplete or has been obliterated, defaced or removed, he shall not make any payment unless the person claiming payment produces evidence, to the satisfaction of the Director of Lotteries, identifying the ticket as the ticket in respect of which the prize claimed is payable.

Agent for  
sale of  
tickets.  
Official  
Gazette,  
Suppl. III,  
8.12.1969.  
16. 5.1969.

12.—(1) The Director of Lotteries may appoint one or more agents for the sale of tickets to the public. Every such appointment shall be for a period not exceeding one year from the date on which such appointment takes effect, but may be renewed for a further period or further successive periods, each period not exceeding one year, if the Director of Lotteries thinks fit.

(2) The appointment of each agent shall be subject to the conditions set out below and, if the agent omits to comply or conform with any such condition, the Director of Lotteries may forthwith revoke the appointment and this provision shall in no way affect the liability of the agent or the penalties to which he may be liable by reason of such omission.

(3) The aforementioned conditions shall be the following :

(a) The agent shall pay in advance the price of all tickets allotted to him by the Director of Lotteries, and at such times as the Director of Lotteries may direct in relation to any ordinary or special lottery which is drawn during his appointment as agent ;

(b) the number of tickets allotted to an agent, the price whereof is paid in advance by him, in relation to any ordinary or special lottery to be drawn during his appointment as agent shall be specified by the Director of Lotteries and the agent shall accept it in writing ;

(c) the sum payable by the agent, in relation to each ticket allotted to him, shall be the price at which the ticket is sold to the public, as the same was fixed by the Director of Lotteries, with a deduction of a percentage fixed from time to time by the Director of Lotteries with the approval of the Minister of Finance :

Provided that such percentage shall be the same for all agents ;

(d) the agent shall, upon his appointment, give and execute a bond, in the form set out in the Schedule to these Regulations, with two sureties to be approved by the Director of Lotteries, in a sum equal to twice the face value of all tickets allotted to him under subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, and this shall be given for the due compliance with the provisions of subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this paragraph :

Provided that, if the number of tickets allotted to an agent is increased during the validity of the bond there shall be executed a supplementary bond in relation to the tickets allotted thereafter ;

(e) the agent may appoint sub-agents for the sale of the tickets allotted to him, but every such appointment shall forthwith be notified to the Director of Lotteries ;

13.—(1) The Director of Lotteries may on payment of an annual Street fee of fifty mils, grant licences, revocable at any time without cause vendors. shown, to such persons and on such terms and conditions as he thinks fit, permitting the licensees to act as vendors.

(2) In this Regulation the term "vendor" means any person who hawks, peddles, sells or offers for sale Government lottery tickets in any public place in Cyprus.

14.—(1) Any person who—

(a) buys or sells any Government lottery ticket or share thereof at a price exceeding the price authorised by the Director of Lotteries; or

Offences.  
Official  
Gazette,  
Suppl. III(1)  
26.11.1976.

(b) sells or offers for sale in any public place any such ticket or share thereof without the permission of the Director of Lotteries,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds, and if the person convicted is an agent appointed under Regulation 12 or a sub-agent of such agent, the Director of Lotteries may forthwith revoke the appointment of the agent.

(2) Any person who buys, receives or accepts from any person, or sells or in any way disposes of, to any person any ticket, being a ticket which has been declared to be a winning ticket under these Regulations, otherwise than in consideration of a cash payment equal to the full amount of the price payable by the Director of Lotteries in respect of such ticket, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding three hundred pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine and, if the person convicted is an agent appointed under Regulation 12 of these Regulations or a sub-agent of such agent, the Director of Lotteries may forthwith revoke the appointment of the agent.

## SCHEDULE

### FORM OF BOND TO BE GIVEN BY AGENT

Know all men by these presents that we .....  
of ..... and .....  
of ..... and .....  
of ..... are held and firmly bound unto the  
Accountant-General on behalf of the Republic of Cyprus (hereinafter  
referred to as the "Republic") in the sum of £..... pounds  
of good and lawful money of the Republic of Cyprus to be paid to  
the Republic, for which payment well and truly to be made we  
bind ourselves and each and every one of us jointly and severally  
for and in the whole our heirs, executors and administrators firmly  
by these presents.

Official  
Gazette  
Suppl. III  
8.12.1961.

Sealed with our respective seals.

Dated this ..... day of .....  
 one thousand nine hundred and .....

Whereas the above bounden .....  
 has been appointed by the Director of Lotteries of the Republic of  
 Cyprus an agent for the sale of Government lottery tickets ;

Now the condition of the above written obligation is such that  
 if the said ..... shall duly and  
 punctually pay to the Director of Lotteries all such sums as he is  
 required by the conditions of his appointments as prescribed by the  
 Government Lotteries Regulations, or any regulations amending or  
 substituted for the same, to pay in respect of all Government lottery  
 tickets issued or allotted to him then this obligation to be void or  
 otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

This bond shall be valid for a period of.....  
 months commencing on the ..... day of.....  
 19..... and shall be lawfully renewed for another period of.....  
 ..... months if the Director shall renew the appointment  
 of the person bounden by this document.

Signed, sealed, etc.,