

NATIONAL GAMBLING ACT (ACT 7 OF 2004)

INTENDS TO :

- Provide for the co-ordination of concurrent national and provincial legislative competence over matters relating to casinos, racing, gambling and wagering, and to provide for the continued regulation of those matters;
- Establish certain uniform norms and standards applicable to national and provincial regulation and licensing of certain gambling activities;
- Provide for the creation of additional uniform norms and standards applicable throughout the Republic;
- Retain the National Gambling Board;
- Establish the National Gambling Policy Council

ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL GAMBLING ACT (ACT 7 OF 2004):

- ONLY GAMBLING THAT FALLS WITHIN THE LEGAL MODES OF GAMBLING DEFINED IN THE NATIONAL GAMBLING ACT (ACT 7 OF 2004), AND IS OFFERED BY A LICENCED GAMBLING OPERATOR, MAY BE PLAYED IN SOUTH AFRICA. GAMBLING OPERATORS ARE LICENSED BY PROVINCIAL LICENSING AUTHORITIES.
- NO PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 18 IS ALLOWED TO GAMBLE IN SOUTH AFRICA.



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LEGAL MODES OF GAMBLING IN

SOUTH AFRICA

WHAT ARE GAMBLING GAMES?

- It is played upon payment, with the chance that the person playing might receive a payout; and
- The result might be determined by the skill of the player, the element of chance, or both;
- It is a bet or wager that is placed in a legal casino, in relation to an activity that meets the criteria



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THERE ARE FOUR LEGAL MODES OF GAMBLING IN SOUTH AFRICA

LEGAL GAMBLING MODE #1: CASINO

- Premises where gambling games are played, or are available to be played, but does not include premises in which:
- Only Bingo and no other gambling game is available to be played;
- Only limited payout machines are available to be played;
- Limited payout machines and bingo are available to be played, but no other gambling game is available; or
- Only social gambling is conducted in terms of a temporary license or provincial law.



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LEGAL GAMBLING MODE #2: BINGO

- A game (including through electronic means):
- Played using cards or other devices that are divided into spaces, each with a different number, picture, or symbol, arranged randomly so as to be unique.
- Where an operator or announcer calls or displays a series of numbers, pictures or symbols in random order, for the players to match on their cards or devices.
- The player who is first to match all the spaces on the card or device or who matches a specified set of numbers, pictures or symbols, wins a prize.



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LEGAL GAMBLING MODE #3: LIMITED PAYOUT MACHINE

- A gambling machine with a restricted bet and prize, described in Section 26 of the National Gambling Act (Act 7 of 2004).
- The maximum aggregate stake with which to commence a Limited Payout Machine game is five Rand (R5) and the maximum aggregate prize payable in respect of a limited payout machine game, is R500 (per the Regulation on Limited Payout Machines).



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LEGAL GAMBLING MODE #4: WAGERING

- Betting on horse racing and sports betting through operators (such as bookmakers and totalisators) licensed in South Africa.
- A person places a bet when they stake money or anything of value on a fixed-odds bet or an open bet with a bookmaker.
- A person places or accepts a totalisator bet when they stake money or anything of value on the outcome of an event or combination of events.



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ONLINE GAMBLING IS ILLEGAL IN SOUTH AFRICA

- Online gambling is illegal in South Africa, except for betting through a bookmaker licensed in South Africa for online betting (eg: betting on the outcome of sports events and horse racing).
- Online betting is defined as a gambling game played through a bookmaker licensed in South Africa where the punter has no interaction with, or influence on, the outcome of the event that they are betting on.
- If you gamble illegally online, your winnings will be confiscated by your bank before the winnings reach your bank account.
- You will not receive your winnings, and you will be investigated. You could face a criminal charge based on the outcome of the investigation.



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