
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1985 No. 1204

**The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and
Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985**

PART V

AMUSEMENTS AND COMPETITIONS

Pleasure permits

Provisional grant of pleasure permits

159.—(1) Where premises are about to be constructed, altered or extended or are in the course of construction, alteration or extension, an application may be made by the person who proposes to be the occupier of the premises to the district council for the district in which the premises are or are to be situated for the provisional grant of a pleasure permit for those premises.

(2) For the purposes of the provisional grant of a pleasure permit Article 157 shall have effect as if—

- (a) any reference to the grant of a pleasure permit were a reference to the provisional grant of a pleasure permit; and
- (b) where the application relates to premises about to be constructed or in the course of construction, any reference to the premises for which a pleasure permit is sought were a reference to proposed premises ^{F1}

(3) A pleasure permit which is provisionally granted shall not authorise the provision of amusements with prizes in accordance with the conditions of Article 154 until the grant of the pleasure permit is declared final.

(4) Where a pleasure permit has been granted provisionally for any premises, a district council, on the application of the holder of the pleasure permit, shall, subject to paragraph (5), declare the grant of the pleasure permit final, if it is satisfied that the premises have been completed ^{F2}

(5) A district council shall not entertain an application made under paragraph (4) after the expiration of 2 years from the date on which the pleasure permit was granted provisionally, unless the applicant satisfies the council that there were reasonable grounds for the failure to complete the construction, alteration or extension of the premises within that period.

(6) Where the provisional grant of a pleasure permit is declared final, the district council shall note the declaration on the permit.

F1 Words in art. 159(2)(b) repealed (15.11.2010) by [Fire and Rescue Services \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1254 \(N.I. 9\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 63(2), **Sch. 4** (with art. 62); S.R. 2010/328, **art. 2**

F2 Words in art. 159(4) repealed (15.11.2010) by [Fire and Rescue Services \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1254 \(N.I. 9\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 63(2), **Sch. 4** (with art. 62); S.R. 2010/328, **art. 2**

Changes to legislation:

The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, Section 159 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Instrument applied by [1997 c. 16 s.15\(3\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied by [1997 c. 16 s.15\(3\)](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 172A and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 14 \(N.I.\) s. 15\(1\)](#)
- art. 186(3A) inserted by [2022 c. 14 \(N.I.\) s. 15\(2\)\(a\)](#)