
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1985 No. 1204

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

**PART II
BETTING**

Revocation of bookmakers' licences and bookmaking office licences

Revocation of bookmaking office licences

28.—(1) An application for the revocation of a bookmaking office licence may be made by any person to a court of summary jurisdiction on any of the following grounds—

- (a) that any information which, in or in connection with the application on which the licence was granted, transferred or renewed, was given to the court by the applicant was false in a material particular; or
- (b) that a person has been convicted of an offence in respect of a contravention, in connection with the licensed office, of any of the provisions of this Part, of any regulations made under it, or^[F1] of Chapter III of Part III, or any regulations made under it, or] of Part I of the Betting and Lotteries Act (Northern Ireland) 1957; or
- (c) that the premises are not suitable for use as a licensed office; or
- (d) that the business carried on in the licensed office has not been properly conducted; or
- [F2](da) that the business carried on in the licensed office has been carried on in a manner which involved serious, repeated or continuous failure to comply with a code of practice in force under Article 180A; or]
- (e) that the licensed office has been used for an unlawful purpose or as a resort of persons of known bad character; or
- (f) ^{F3}

(2) The procedure for applications for the revocation of bookmaking office licences is set out in Schedule 7.

(3) On an application for the revocation of a bookmaking office licence a court shall hear the objections, if any, made under Schedule 7.

(4) A court shall refuse an application for the revocation of a bookmaking office licence unless it is satisfied that the application is not made on grounds which—

- (a) have been, or ought to have been, raised previously by way of objection either when the bookmaking office licence was granted or transferred or on an occasion when it has been renewed; or
- (b) are or have been the subject matter of proceedings for such an offence as is mentioned in Article 53.

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(5) Where the court refuses an application for the revocation of a bookmaking office licence, it shall specify in its order the reasons for its refusal.

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| F1 | 2004 NI 1 |
| F2 | Art. 28(1)(da) inserted (1.10.2023) by Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c. 14) , ss. 16(2)(b) , 17(3); S.R. 2023/74, art. 2, Sch. |
| F3 | Art. 28(1)(f) 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 |

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- 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\(2\)\(a\)](#)