
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1985 No. 1204

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

**PART II
BETTING**

Miscellaneous

Disqualification of licensed bookmaker on conviction of offence

53.—(1) Where a licensed bookmaker is convicted of—

- (a) an offence under this Part^[F1] or Chapter III of Part III]; or
- (b) any offence involving fraud or dishonesty;

the court by which he is convicted may make a disqualification order prohibiting him from holding a bookmaker's licence or a bookmaking office licence during such period, not exceeding 5 years from the date on which the order takes effect, as may be specified in the order.

(2) Where a disqualification order under paragraph (1) is made—

- (a) in the case of a disqualification from holding a bookmaker's licence, any bookmaker's licence and any bookmaking office licence held by the bookmaker, or
- (b) in the case of a disqualification from holding a bookmaking office licence, any bookmaking office licence held by the bookmaker,

within the prohibition obtained before the order is made or before it takes effect shall by virtue of the order be void as from the time when the order takes effect.

(3) A disqualification order under paragraph (1) shall not take effect—

- (a) until the expiry of the time for bringing an appeal against the conviction or against the making of the order, and
- (b) if such an appeal is brought, until the appeal has been determined or abandoned.

F1 2004 NI 1

[^{F2}Rights of betting workers as respects Sunday working

53A. Schedule 8A shall have effect for the purpose of making provision about the rights of betting workers as respects Sunday working.]

F2 2004 NI 1

Changes to legislation: *The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985,*
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Exclusion of Sunday Observance Act (Ireland) 1695

53B. The Sunday Observance Act (Ireland) 1695 does not apply to any person by reason of his having effected a betting transaction on a non-sporting event at a track which is open on a Sunday and on which betting is taking place [^{F3}or having effected a betting transaction on a non-sporting event at a licensed office which is open on a Sunday.]

F3 Words in art. 53B inserted (27.4.2022) by [Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements \(Amendment\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(c. 14\)](#), ss. 3(5), 17(2)

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