
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1985 No. 1204

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

PART VI

MISCELLANEOUS

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180A.—(1) The Department must issue one or more codes of practice about the manner in which facilities for gambling are provided (whether by the holder of a licence, permit or certificate under this Order or by another person).

(2) In particular a code must describe arrangements that should be made by a person providing facilities for gambling to meet an expected duty of care to those using the facilities to include, but not be limited to—

- (a) ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way,
- (b) protecting persons under the age of 18 and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling, and
- (c) making assistance available to persons who are or may be affected by problems related to gambling.

(3) A code may include provision about how facilities for gambling are advertised or described.

(4) A code may be revised or revoked by the Department.

(5) A code, and any revision, must state when it comes into force.

(6) The Department must publish a code and any revision in a manner which the Department thinks likely to bring it to the attention of those whose activities it concerns.

(7) The Department may make different provision under this Article for different cases or circumstances (whether or not by way of separate codes of practice).

(8) A failure to comply with a provision of a code does not of itself make a person liable to criminal or civil proceedings.

(9) But a code—

- (a) is admissible in evidence in criminal or civil proceedings,
- (b) must be taken into account by a court or tribunal in any case in which it appears to the court or tribunal to be relevant, and
- (c) must be taken into account by the Department, a court or a district council in the exercise of a function under the 1985 Order.

(10) Before issuing or revising a code under this Article the Department must consult—

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- (a) such organisations as appear to the Department to represent the interests of the gambling industry in Northern Ireland,
 - (b) persons who appear to the Department to have knowledge about social problems relating to gambling,
 - (c) in the case of a code including provision by virtue of paragraph (3), persons who appear to the Department to have a relevant responsibility for regulating the advertising industry,
 - (d) persons who appear to the Department to represent district councils,
 - (e) the Chief Constable, and
 - (f) in such manner as the Department thinks appropriate, members of the public.
- (11) Serious, significant, continuing or multiple breaches of a code is a ground of revocation or cancellation of a licence, registration or permit under Articles 27, 42, 92, 103 or 121.
- (12) In this Article “gambling” means betting, gaming or participating in a lottery.]

<p>F1 Art. 180A and cross-heading inserted (1.10.2023) by Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c. 14), ss. 16(1), 17(3); S.R. 2023/74, art. 2, Sch.</p>

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