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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**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 bookmakers' licences***

**27.**—(1) An application for the revocation of a bookmaker's licence may be made by any person to a court of summary jurisdiction on any of the following grounds—

- (a) that the licensed bookmaker is not a fit person to hold a bookmaker's licence; or
- (b) that any information which, in or in connection with the application on which the licence was granted or renewed, was given to the court by the applicant was false in a material particular; or
- (c) that the licensed bookmaker has been refused the grant or renewal of a bookmaker's licence on the ground mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) or (d) within the preceding 12 months; or
- (d) that the licensed bookmaker has allowed the business carried on under the licence to be managed by, or carried on for the benefit of, a person other than the bookmaker who would himself be refused the grant of a bookmaker's licence; or
- [<sup>F1</sup>(da) that the business carried on under the licence 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 bookmaker has been convicted of an offence under this Part<sup>[F2]</sup> or Chapter III of Part III] or Part I of the Betting and Lotteries Act (Northern Ireland) 1957<sup>[F3]</sup>; or]
- [<sup>F3</sup>(f) that the licenced bookmaker or an employee of his has, since the licence was granted, received or negotiated a bet on the outcome of any lottery forming part of a National Lottery for the purposes of Part I of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993.]

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

(3) On an application for the revocation of a bookmaker's 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 bookmaker's 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 bookmaker's licence was granted or on an occasion when it has been renewed; or

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(b) are or have been the subject matter of proceedings for such an offence as is mentioned in Article 53.

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

<b>F1</b>	Art. 27(1)(da) inserted (1.10.2023) by <a href="#">Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c. 14)</a> , <b>ss. 16(2)(a)</b> , 17(3); S.R. 2023/74, art. 2, Sch.
<b>F2</b>	2004 NI 1
<b>F3</b>	1993 c. 39

**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<sup>F4</sup> 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
- <sup>F5</sup>(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) <sup>F6</sup>.....

(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.

(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.

<b>F4</b>	2004 NI 1
<b>F5</b>	Art. 28(1)(da) inserted (1.10.2023) by <a href="#">Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c. 14)</a> , <b>ss. 16(2)(b)</b> , 17(3); S.R. 2023/74, art. 2, Sch.

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**F6** 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](#)

***Continuance of bookmakers' licences or bookmaking office licences pending determination of appeal against revocation***

**29.** Where a court revokes a bookmaker's licence or a bookmaking office licence and the licensed bookmaker appeals, the licence shall, unless it is a licence to which a disqualification order under Article 30 or 53 applies or it ceases to be in force under Article 173, continue in force until the appeal is determined or abandoned.

***Disqualification of licensed bookmaker or licensed office on revocation of licence***

**30.—(1)** Where a court of summary jurisdiction revokes a bookmaker's licence or a bookmaking office licence, the court may make a disqualification order prohibiting—

- (a) the person to whom the bookmaker's licence or, as the case may be, the bookmaking office licence was granted from holding such a licence; or
- (b) a bookmaking office licence from being held in respect of the premises to which the revoked licence related;

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, or
- (c) in the case of a disqualification of a licensed office as premises for which a bookmaking office licence may be held, any bookmaking office licence,

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 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 revocation of the bookmaker's licence or, as the case may be, the bookmaking office licence or against the making of the order, and
- (b) if such an appeal is brought, until the appeal has been determined or abandoned.

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