



Division of Charitable Gambling

March 17, 2021

ADVISORY

Commission Rules 4601.1 and 4810.1 require charitable organizations that have been unlicensed to conduct games of chance or bingo for a period of 12 or more months to file with the Commission a new application for an identification number prior to applying for a license with their local games of chance or bingo licensing authority.

The Commission is aware that since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic many organizations have been unable to conduct games of chance or bingo and have therefore been unlicensed.

To address this, the Commission has exercised its authority under Rules 4600.3 and 4801.3 and determined it is in the best interest of the conduct of games of chance and bingo to temporarily suspend operation of Rules 4601.1 and 4810.1 for any organization that is presently unlicensed but held a license on or after March 14, 2019 provided such organization applies for a games of chance or bingo license with their local licensing authority no later than September 17, 2021.

Examples

- An organization discontinued bingo or games of chance on or after March 13, 2020 but intends to resume operations around August 10, 2021. The organization is not required to file a new application for an identification number prior to applying for a license to conduct.
- An organization discontinued bingo or games of chance in July 4, 2019 but intends to resume operations around April 18, 2021. The organization is not required to file a new application for an identification number prior to applying for a license to conduct.
- An organization discontinued bingo or games of chance on March 13, 2020 but does not expect to resume operations until November 15, 2021. The organization is required to file a new application for an identification number prior to applying for a license to conduct.
- An organization discontinued bingo or games of chance in January 29, 2019 but intends to resume operations around June 13, 2021. The organization is required to file a new application for an identification number prior to applying for a license to conduct.

Should you have any questions regarding this Advisory, please contact the Commission at 518-388-0195 or email charitablegaming@gaming.ny.gov