



**GAMING BOARD OF TANZANIA**  
**PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING**  
**GAMING LICENCE IN TANZANIA**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Before one ventures into gaming business, it is always safe to seek clarifications of various matters in that regard by visiting the offices of the Gaming Board of Tanzania (GBT) for appropriate guidance. The following basic information may guide you accordingly, however it is strongly advised to read and understand the statutory requirements involving licensing as provided in the Gaming Act, Cap. 40 and the Gaming Regulations, 2003. They can be accessed through our website [www.gamingboard.go.tz](http://www.gamingboard.go.tz))

- 1.1. Section 7 (2) of the Gaming Act, Cap. 40 mandates the GBT to oversee, monitor and regulate the conduct of gaming activities in Tanzania; as such anyone wishing to engage in any gaming business must obtain gaming licence issued under the provisions of the Act.
- 1.2. It is unlawful under the Act, Section 77 (1) (i) to conduct any gaming operation without a valid licence.
- 1.3. This information is intended to guide those wishing to engage in gaming operations with exception of promotional lottery and other miscellaneous gaming operations.
- 1.4. Licences will only be granted to suitable persons with proven probity standing. All applicants shall be subjected to background investigations and vetting processes including sources of funds to be used in the business.

**2. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- 2.1. Regulation 3 of the Gaming Regulations, 2003 provides for the general qualifications in respect of issuance of gaming licence. No person shall be issued with a gaming licence unless that person:
  - 2.1.1. has never been denied a gaming licence by the GBT or any other jurisdiction;

- 2.1.2. has never had a gaming licence suspended or revoked here in Tanzania or other jurisdiction;
  - 2.1.3. has never withdrawn an application for any gaming licence anywhere for whatever reasons;
  - 2.1.4. possesses a gaming premises that are deemed suitable by GBT; (It is strongly advised that applicants should first identify the premises and seek clarification from GBT as some of the premises may not be suitable for gaming purposes. Kindly make reference to Reg. 19 of the Gaming Regulations, 2003)
  - 2.1.5. complies with all the provisions of the Act and the Gaming Regulations, 2003;
  - 2.1.6. has not been convicted of any criminal offence involving fraud or dishonesty; and
  - 2.1.7. has proof of adequate financing available to pay all obligations and to provide for adequate working capital to finance the gaming operations
- 2.2. Applicants will be subjected to background investigations and vetting processes including sources of funds to be used in the business. Kindly refer Reg. 7 of the Gaming Regulations, 2003. It is expected that applicants will provide the necessary cooperation to enable GBT to examine the application appropriately.
- 2.3. GBT will require the following basic documents necessary for processing of the application:
- 2.3.1. Two copies of Business Plan/Feasibility Study. It is expected the study should contain the following:
    - 2.3.1.1. Clear statement of project objectives;
    - 2.3.1.2. Applicants' profile;
    - 2.3.1.3. Details of investment costs and how the proposed investment will be financed; name the specific sources of funds and their contacts; terms and conditions of the loans if applicable;
    - 2.3.1.4. Sources of technology if applicable and gaming equipment;
    - 2.3.1.5. Projected financial and economic analysis; the financial analysis including projected Annual Balance Sheets and Income Statements for the first four years;
    - 2.3.1.6. Market study ;
    - 2.3.1.7. Expected employment generation;

- 2.3.1.8. Proposed implementation schedule, and
- 2.3.1.9. Any other information that will be useful for the determination of the application.
- 2.3.2. Duly filled application forms and application fee paid.
- 2.3.3. Duly filled Personal Declaration Form for each director.
- 2.3.4. A copy of the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, in case no company has been formed, submit a copy of proposed Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association.
- 2.3.5. A certified copy of the Certificate of company incorporation.
- 2.3.6. Evidence of sufficient finance capital available for the implementation of the project.
- 2.3.7. Proof of citizenship of every incorporator/subscriber, and every director and senior officer. This includes detailed Curricula Vitae, photocopy of the first five pages of a passport, a passport size photograph and historical background.
- 2.3.8. Audited Balance Sheets and Income Statement of every incorporator/subscriber and every director and senior officer.
- 2.3.9. Tax Clearance from the Income Tax office of a country of origin of the applicant and every director and senior officer.
- 2.3.10. Statement from two persons (not relatives) vouching for the good moral character and financial responsibility of the incorporators/subscribers and the proposed directors and senior officers.
- 2.3.11. Company Board of Directors' resolution to invest in Tanzania.

### **3. MINIMUM INVESTMENT CAPITAL**

- 3.1. Minimum Investment Capital for a Local Company shall be USD 300,000.00. For purposes of this requirement, Local Company means a company incorporated in Tanzania and whose majority shareholder(s) are/ is a citizen(s) of Tanzania.
- 3.2. Minimum Investment Capital for a Foreign Company shall be USD 500,000.00. For purposes of this requirement, Foreign Company means a company incorporated outside Tanzania or a company incorporated in Tanzania but whose majority shareholder(s) is/are not citizens of Tanzania.

#### **4. TESTING AND CERTIFICATION OF SYSTEMS**

Applicants are required to test and obtain certification for their devices, management systems and game software that they will deploy in their gaming activities. These devices, systems and games should be tested against applicable standards. The following Testing Laboratories are hereby designated and shall be recognised as approved gaming testing laboratories:

- 4.1. Gaming Laboratories International (GLI)
- 4.2. BMM
- 4.3. Any other lab that is of the same caliber and stature, however, shall require prior approval from GBT

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