

AMUSEMENT GAME CENTRE LICENCE

Guidelines for Granting of a Licence

An Amusement Game Centre Licence will not normally be granted unless the Licensing Authority is satisfied that :-

- (a) the applicant has attained the age of 18 years;
- (see Note 1) (b) the applicant is a fit and proper person to operate an amusement game centre;
- (c) the applicant will adequately and personally supervise the operation of the amusement game centre;
- (d) the applicant is not the agent, representative or servant of any person whose Amusement Game Centre Licence has been revoked or whose application to renew an Amusement Game Centre Licence has been refused;
- (see Note 2) (e) the proposed amusement game centre is located in a building used solely for commercial purposes;
- (see Note 2) (f) the proposed amusement game centre is not located in a building already accommodating an existing amusement game centre or an educational institution (in this context, “building” is intended to include individual blocks, or where applicable, the podium level of a development with more than one block);
- (see Note 3) (g) existing amusement game centre(s) or educational institution(s) is/are not within a radius of 100 metres from the main entrance of the proposed amusement game centre;
- (see Note 4) (h) the proposed amusement game centre is located in an area suitable for the operation of an amusement game centre;
- (i) the applicant has complied with all conditions relating to ventilation, fire prevention and health as required by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Fire Services Department and other departments concerned; and other fitting-out requirements of the Licensing Authority;
- (j) the proposed amusement game centre has been installed with machines in strict accordance with the layout plan approved by the

Licensing Authority; and

- (see Note 5) (k) the games/machines to be installed at the proposed amusement game centre have been approved by the Licensing Authority.

Notes

- (1) An application for licence from a person who has been convicted of a criminal offence may be refused if :-
- (a) the offence is one under the Amusement Game Centres Ordinance (Cap. 435), or the offence is one punishable by a period of imprisonment of 12 months or more but excluding offences under the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 220); and
 - (b) the applicant was aged 16 years or over at the time of the offence; and
 - (c) the offence was committed less than 5 years prior to the date of application or, it was committed after the said date but before the issue of licence or, in the case of triad offences, the applicant is considered to have been active in triad activities within the last 5 years.
- (2) A building is one which has been issued with an Occupation Permit. A building under construction or which has not been issued with an Occupation Permit will not be considered.
- (3) All applications will be considered on individual merits. If the application is a relocation of an existing amusement game centre within a radius of 100 metres from the main entrance of the proposed amusement game centre, factors such as the number of existing amusement game centres and educational institutions, and the relative distance between each amusement game centre within a radius of 100 metres and the distance of educational institutions from the main entrance of the proposed amusement game centre, and whether the relocation will bring about any improvement to the local environment, etc, may be taken into account in considering the licence application.
- (4) The Licensing Authority may take into account the views of persons residing/working in the district.
- (5) Applicable to amusement game centres for persons under the age of 16 years. A list of approved games/machines is available for inspection at the main office of the Licensing Authority. Specific approval from the Licensing Authority is required for installation of games/machines not included in the list.

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