

# *Charitable Gaming in Alberta*

*1999-2000 in Review*

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## MANDATE

In accordance with the *Gaming and Liquor Act*, the *Criminal Code (Canada)* and within the policy framework established by the provincial government, the mandate of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission is to:

- license, regulate and monitor gaming and liquor activities in Alberta;
- define operating policies and procedures for gaming and liquor activities;
- ensure integrity in the operation of gaming and liquor activities;
- collect gaming and liquor revenue;
- ensure business and program operations are run efficiently and effectively;
- disburse provincial lottery revenues;
- support industry and government initiatives to address problem gambling and responsible alcohol consumption; and
- communicate to gaming and liquor stakeholders accurate and timely information.

The Commission administers the Alberta Lottery Fund under the provisions of the *Gaming and Liquor Act*.

## CHARITABLE GAMING MODEL

### Overview

Alberta has adopted the charitable model for casinos, bingos, pull-tickets and raffles. These gaming activities may only occur when eligible charitable or religious groups apply for and receive licences to conduct the gaming activities.

The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) endeavours to ensure, through the setting of appropriate policies, procedures and terms and conditions for these various gaming activities, that the financial return to charitable and religious groups is maximized for the benefit of the charitable organizations, the programs and activities they deliver and the communities in which these activities are undertaken. The AGLC seeks to ensure, as a part of its mandate, that the integrity of gaming is maintained through ongoing reviews of these gaming activities, the licensing process, and enforcement of policies, procedures and terms and conditions.

### Eligibility Requirements

A charitable or religious group is eligible for a licence to conduct gaming activities if the group:

- actively delivers a program or service which provides a benefit to a significant segment of the community. The program or service must be reasonably available to all members of the general public who qualify and wish to participate in that program or use that service.
- uses revenue from its gaming activities for a charitable or religious objective or purpose.

## Structure

To be eligible for licensing the applicant groups must:

- have a broad based volunteer membership;
- have an executive democratically chosen from its volunteer base;
- not pay its members, directors or officers;
- have programs which benefit a large segment of the community, not the individual members' self interest;
- be a not-for-profit organization;
- have volunteers who are responsible for establishing, maintaining control of, and delivering the group's programs; and
- be incorporated (if a licence fee is required).

## Community Benefit

Alberta's Charitable Gaming Model requires that proceeds from gaming activities provide a benefit to the community. The following are some **examples** for which charitable gaming activities benefit the community at large.

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY</b>
Relief of the aged or disadvantaged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• relief to the poor</li><li>• programs for the elderly to remain active in society</li><li>• social services and educational programs for emotionally/physically distressed</li></ul>
Advancing education and learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• student scholarships</li><li>• aid to schools</li><li>• aid to libraries</li><li>• aid to museums</li><li>• aid to the arts</li><li>• aid to the preservation of cultural heritage</li></ul>
Help to community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• improvements to quality of health</li><li>• support medical research</li><li>• aid medical treatment programs</li><li>• supply a facility for community use</li><li>• support competitive amateur athletics</li><li>• contribute places for worship and other religious programs</li></ul>

## Eligible Groups

The types of groups who are eligible to obtain licences to conduct charitable gaming activities can be categorized as follows:

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Agriculture	Organizations registered under the Alberta Societies Act or Agricultural Societies Act as an agricultural fair or exhibition board.
Arts	Performing visual and literary arts groups which focus on art galleries, dance, general and instrumental music, choral, opera, theatre, historical and multicultural organizations, museums and archives. This also includes marching, school and youth bands, and related groups such as parent associations and booster clubs.
Community	Groups whose activities are of a general nature that support a variety of programs in the community (for example, community associations, community leagues).
Education	Organizations including playschools, kindergarten, preschools, private schools, parent organizations in support of educational programs, colleges, technical institutions and universities.
Medicine-Health	Organizations assisting those afflicted with a specific physical or mental disorder; organizations supporting basic medical research; and, auxiliaries or support groups to health care facilities and people who are physically disabled.
Multiculturalism	Organizations which identify themselves with a country of specific ethnic origin and whose activities are of a general nature that support a wide variety of programs in the community.
Recreation	The organizations' activities are not of a competitive nature. They may include support for recreational facilities, parks and recreation organizations, among others.
Religion	Churches, parishes, temples, synagogues and auxiliary groups which support the religious activity and focus to further religious principles and objectives.
Senior Citizens	Organizations where the majority of membership is 60 years of age or older. Includes resident "clubs" in senior citizen homes and groups providing recreational and social activities for senior citizens.
Service	Fraternal, service and veteran organizations which are established by a statute or international/national "charter".
Social Action	Organizations which focus on specific issues of social concern and promote these issues through social and educational programs.
Sports	Organizations which support competitive amateur individual and team sports.
Youth	Organizations providing a variety of programming for young people, and including auxiliary groups in support of these organizations.

## ALL LICENCED GAMING

	Licences	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	% of Gross	Expenses (\$000)	% of Gross	CGTs (Slots) (\$000)	Net Proceeds to Charity (\$000)
<b><i>Fiscal 1999/2000</i></b>								
Bingos	3,351	302,676	195,433	64.6	52,484	17.3		54,759
Casinos	2,695	594,127	493,056	83.0	61,890	10.4	37,440	76,621
Pull-Tickets	677	41,355	30,964	74.9	1,951	4.7		8,440
Raffles(1)	328	58,331	22,712	38.9	10,770	18.5		24,849
	7,051	996,489	742,165	74.5	127,095	12.8	37,440	164,669

### ***Fiscal 1998/99***

Bingos	3,521	321,482	207,733	64.6	54,725	17.0		59,024
Casinos	2,534	549,654	460,496	83.8	54,981	10.0	24,258	58,435
Pull-Tickets	740	51,072	38,159	74.7	3,380	6.6		9,533
Raffles(1)	345	59,423	24,463	41.2	12,861	21.6		22,099
	7,140	981,631	730,851	74.5	125,947	12.8	24,258	149,091

### ***Fiscal 1997/98***

Bingos	3,572	337,190	223,862	66.4	55,066	16.3		58,262
Casinos	2,291	476,712	392,997	82.4	50,725	10.6	10,975	43,965
Pull-Tickets	683	48,912	36,624	74.9	3,203	6.5		9,085
Raffles(1)	373	55,085	23,971	43.5	12,390	22.5		18,724
	6,919	917,899	677,454	73.8	121,384	13.2	10,975	130,036

## FISCAL 1999/2000 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	Expenses (\$000)	CGTs (Slots) (\$000)	Net Proceeds to Charity (\$000)
Calgary	1,435	380,039	290,738	44,038	13,175	58,438
Edmonton	1,805	373,854	283,602	47,303	14,437	57,386
Fort McMurray	331	13,941	9,511	2,143	538	2,825
Grande Prairie	300	19,580	13,188	3,061	2,023	5,354
Lethbridge	269	28,158	20,182	4,401	1,823	5,398
Medicine Hat	196	18,534	13,044	2,779	1,148	3,859
Red Deer	436	29,804	20,699	5,233	1,965	5,837
St. Albert	349	28,122	20,618	4,636	2,331	5,199
Other Locations	1,930	104,457	70,583	13,501	0	20,373
	7,051	996,489	742,165	127,095	37,440	164,669

(1) Does not include raffles under \$10,000.

# BINGOS

		Licences	Events	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	% of Gross	Expenses (\$000)	% of Gross	Net Proceeds to Charity (\$000)	% of Gross
<b><i>Fiscal 1999/2000</i></b>										
Calgary	- Regular	399	8,494	55,785	35,975	64.5	11,435	20.5	8,375	15.0
	- Satellite			8,734	4,370	50.0	829	9.5	3,535	40.5
Edmonton	- Regular	949	11,819	79,621	52,894	66.4	16,110	20.2	10,617	13.4
	- Satellite			12,720	6,361	50.0	1,208	9.5	5,151	40.5
All Other Locations	- Regular	2,003	26,394	123,863	84,852	68.5	20,817	16.8	18,194	14.7
	- Satellite			21,953	10,981	50.0	2,085	9.5	8,887	40.5
		3,351	46,707	302,676	195,433	64.6	52,484	17.3	54,759	18.1

<b><i>Fiscal 1998/99</i></b>										
Calgary	- Regular	540	9,769	61,080	40,050	65.6	12,677	20.7	8,353	13.7
	- Satellite			9,768	4,890	50.1	928	9.5	3,950	40.4
Edmonton	- Regular	1,040	12,351	84,472	55,758	66.0	16,796	19.9	11,918	14.1
	- Satellite			14,041	7,020	50.0	1,334	9.5	5,687	40.5
All Other Locations	- Regular	1,941	27,450	129,751	88,824	68.5	20,771	16.0	20,156	15.5
	- Satellite			22,370	11,191	50.0	2,219	9.9	8,960	40.1
		3,521	49,570	321,482	207,733	64.6	54,725	17.0	59,024	18.4

<b><i>Fiscal 1997/98</i></b>										
Calgary	- Regular	498	10,330	66,251	44,784	67.6	13,466	20.3	8,001	12.1
	- Satellite			9,561	4,782	50.0	911	9.5	3,868	40.5
Edmonton	- Regular	1,025	12,260	85,910	58,342	67.9	16,297	19.0	11,271	13.1
	- Satellite			13,303	6,652	50.0	1,273	9.6	5,378	40.4
All Other Locations	- Regular	2,049	28,064	139,581	98,009	70.2	20,962	15.0	20,610	14.8
	- Satellite			22,584	11,293	50.0	2,157	9.6	9,134	40.4
		3,572	50,654	337,190	223,862	66.4	55,066	16.3	58,262	17.3

## FISCAL 1999/2000 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Events	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	Expenses (\$000)	Net Proceeds to Charity (\$000)
Calgary	399	8,494	64,518	40,345	12,264	11,909
Edmonton	949	11,819	92,341	59,254	17,319	15,768
Fort McMurray	147	1,015	9,130	6,040	1,257	1,833
Grande Prairie	103	976	7,105	4,468	1,197	1,440
Lethbridge	74	1,403	13,446	8,505	2,212	2,729
Medicine Hat	69	1,294	9,890	6,296	1,697	1,897
Red Deer	173	1,450	12,197	7,916	2,095	2,186
St. Albert	157	1,812	13,141	8,808	2,270	2,063
Other Locations	1,280	18,444	80,908	53,801	12,173	14,934
	3,351	46,707	302,676	195,433	52,484	54,759

## CASINOS

	Licences	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	% of Gross	Expenses (\$000)	% of Gross	CGTs (Slots) (\$000)	Net Proceeds to Charity (\$000)
<b><i>Fiscal 1999/2000</i></b>								
Calgary	902	279,704	233,948	83.6	26,585	9.5	13,175	32,346
Edmonton	729	255,524	212,392	83.1	25,241	9.9	14,437	32,328
All Other Locations	1,064	58,899	46,716	79.3	10,064	17.1	9,828	11,947
	2,695	594,127	493,056	83.0	61,890	10.4	37,440	76,621

<b><i>Fiscal 1998/99</i></b>								
Calgary	902	262,845	220,790	84.0	24,932	9.5	9,119	26,242
Edmonton	728	239,770	202,187	84.3	21,782	9.1	9,639	25,440
All Other Locations	904	47,039	37,519	79.8	8,267	17.6	5,500	6,753
	2,534	549,654	460,496	83.8	54,981	10.0	24,258	58,435

<b><i>Fiscal 1997/98</i></b>								
Calgary	817	226,399	188,215	83.1	22,310	9.9	4,015	19,889
Edmonton	673	208,150	171,555	82.4	20,857	10.0	4,958	20,696
All Other Locations	801	42,163	33,227	78.8	7,558	17.9	2,002	3,380
	2,291	476,712	392,997	82.4	50,725	10.6	10,975	43,965

## FISCAL 1999/2000 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	Expenses (\$000)	CGTs (Slots) (\$000)	Net Proceeds to Charity (\$000)
Calgary	902	279,704	233,948	26,585	13,175	32,346
Edmonton	729	255,524	212,392	25,241	14,437	32,328
Fort McMurray	177	3,643	2,865	738	538	578
Grande Prairie	182	9,219	7,185	1,469	2,023	2,588
Lethbridge	180	12,463	10,118	2,033	1,823	2,135
Medicine Hat	110	5,547	4,509	913	1,148	1,273
Red Deer	230	13,085	10,230	2,529	1,965	2,291
St. Albert	182	14,663	11,576	2,342	2,331	3,076
Other Locations	3	279	233	40	0	6
	2,695	594,127	493,056	61,890	37,440	76,621



## PULL - TICKETS

	Licences	Units Sold	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	% of Gross	Expenses (\$000)	% of Gross	Net Proceeds to Charity (\$000)	% of Gross
<b><i>Fiscal 1999/2000</i></b>									
Calgary	71	5,562	9,985	7,469	74.8	462	4.6	2,054	20.6
Edmonton	51	3,070	4,938	3,718	75.3	216	4.4	1,004	20.3
All Other Locations	555	17,782	26,432	19,777	74.8	1,273	4.8	5,382	20.4
	677	26,414	41,355	30,964	74.9	1,951	4.7	8,440	20.4

### ***Fiscal 1998/99***

Calgary	88	8,225	13,752	10,273	74.7	910	6.6	2,569	18.7
Edmonton	48	4,389	6,759	5,065	74.9	392	5.8	1,302	19.3
All Other Locations	604	20,818	30,561	22,821	74.7	2,078	6.8	5,662	18.5
	740	33,432	51,072	38,159	74.7	3,380	6.6	9,533	18.7

### ***Fiscal 1997/98***

Calgary	69	8,573	14,375	10,803	75.1	872	6.1	2,700	18.8
Edmonton	45	3,830	6,211	4,672	75.2	457	7.4	1,082	17.4
All Other Locations	569	19,858	28,326	21,149	74.7	1,874	6.6	5,303	18.7
	683	32,261	48,912	36,624	74.9	3,203	6.5	9,085	18.6

## FISCAL 1999/2000 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Units Sold	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	Expenses (\$000)	Net Proceeds to Charity (\$000)
Calgary	71	5,562	9,985	7,469	462	2,054
Edmonton	51	3,070	4,938	3,718	216	1,004
Fort McMurray	2	93	140	105	9	26
Grande Prairie	4	209	335	249	14	72
Lethbridge	6	1,076	1,679	1,257	74	348
Medicine Hat	8	1,133	2,372	1,848	111	413
Red Deer	14	1,215	2,008	1,494	85	429
St. Albert	7	284	290	210	17	63
Other Locations	514	13,772	19,608	14,614	963	4,031
	677	26,414	41,355	30,964	1,951	8,440

**RAFFLES (1)**

	Licences	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	% of Gross	Expenses (\$000)	% of Gross	Net Proceeds to Charity (\$000)	% of Gross
<b><i>Fiscal 1999/2000</i></b>								
Calgary	63	25,832	8,976	34.7	4,727	18.3	12,129	47.0
Edmonton	76	21,051	8,238	39.1	4,527	21.5	8,286	39.4
All Other Locations	189	11,448	5,498	48.0	1,516	13.2	4,434	38.8
	328	58,331	22,712	38.9	10,770	18.5	24,849	42.6

***Fiscal 1998/99***

Calgary	64	23,692	8,731	36.8	4,685	19.8	10,276	43.4
Edmonton	96	25,753	10,747	41.7	7,059	27.4	7,947	30.9
All Other Locations	185	9,978	4,985	50.0	1,117	11.2	3,876	38.8
	345	59,423	24,463	41.2	12,861	21.6	22,099	37.2

***Fiscal 1997/98***

Calgary	66	22,376	9,005	40.2	5,615	25.1	7,756	34.7
Edmonton	82	22,475	9,760	43.4	5,654	25.2	7,061	31.4
All Other Locations	225	10,234	5,206	50.9	1,121	10.9	3,907	38.2
	373	55,085	23,971	43.5	12,390	22.5	18,724	34.0

**FISCAL 1999/2000 BY MAJOR CENTRE**

	Licences	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	Expenses (\$000)	Net Proceeds to Charity (\$000)
Calgary	63	25,832	8,976	4,727	12,129
Edmonton	76	21,051	8,238	4,527	8,286
Fort McMurray	5	1,028	501	139	388
Grande Prairie	11	2,921	1,286	381	1,254
Lethbridge	9	570	302	82	186
Medicine Hat	9	725	391	58	276
Red Deer	19	2,514	1,059	524	931
St. Albert	3	28	24	7	(3)
Other Locations	133	3,662	1,935	325	1,402
	328	58,331	22,712	10,770	24,849

(1) Does not include raffles under \$10,000.

# SCHEDULE OF LICENCE FEES

	<u>Licence Fee</u>
<b><u>Bingos</u></b>	
At Licensed Bingo Facility	\$30 Per Event
Not At Licensed Bingo Facility	
- Events With Yearly Sales of \$150,000 or Less	NIL
- Events With Yearly Sales Over \$150,000	\$30 Per Event

<b><u>Casinos</u></b>	
Not at Fairs or Exhibitions	\$15 Per Table Per Day
At Fairs or Exhibitions	\$35 Per Table Per Day

**Pull-Tickets** \$10 Per Set of Sealed, Boxed or Bagged Pull Tickets

<b><u>Raffles</u></b>	
Raffles More Than \$10,000 and Less Than \$100,000	\$150
Raffles More Than \$100,000 and Less Than \$1,000,000	\$500
Raffles \$1,000,000 or More	\$1,000
Raffle Authorizing Lottery Scheme That Involves Prize Bonds	\$10,000

<b><u>Casino Facilities</u></b>	
Operating 6 or 7 days per week	\$500
Operating less than 6 days per week	\$100

## LICENCE FEES COLLECTED

	<b>Bingos (\$000)</b>	<b>Casinos (\$000)</b>	<b>Pull Tickets (\$000)</b>	<b>Raffles (\$000)</b>	<b>Casino Facilities (\$000)</b>	<b>Total Fees Collected (\$000)</b>
1999/00	993	1,311	316	114	8	2,742
1998/99	1,135	1,437	728	855	8	4,163
1997/98	1,170	1,386	651	1,001	8	4,216

## LICENSING INFORMATION

To obtain more information about the requirements for gaming licences, contact your nearest office of the Licensing Division, Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission:

St. Albert      50 Corriveau Avenue  
 St. Albert, AB T8N 3T5  
 Tel: (780) 447-8876 or 1-800-272-8876

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 Calgary, AB T2E 7H7  
 Tel: (403) 292-7300 or 1-800-372-9518

Red Deer      13, 7895 - 49 Avenue  
 Red Deer, AB T4P 2B4  
 Tel: (403) 314-2656 or 310-0000



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON GAMING IN ALBERTA CONTACT:**

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1-800-665-9676