



LOTTERIES AND GAMING BOARD



PUBLIC NOTICE:

The Lotteries and Gaming Board (“herein after *the Board*”) hereby notifies members of the public that participation in, promotion of, or facilitation of illegal gambling activities and unlicensed gaming operations is strictly prohibited and constitutes a breach of the laws of Zimbabwe.

The Board has noted with concern the increasing prevalence of unlicensed gambling activities, including illegal online betting platforms, unregistered gaming houses, unlawful promotional competitions, and unauthorized raffle activities. Members of the public are advised that engaging with unlicensed operators exposes them to significant risks, including fraud, manipulation of gaming outcomes, financial loss, cybercrime, and the absence of legal or consumer protection.

In terms of the Lotteries and Gaming Act [Chapter 10:26], no person or entity may unlawfully operate, advertise, facilitate, or conduct any gambling activity without obtaining the requisite license or approval from the Lotteries and Gaming Board.

The Board therefore reminds all operators and stakeholders that licenses are mandatory for the following activities:

- a) Casino Operations**
- b) Gaming House**
- c) Lottery Operations**
- d) Betting and Sports Betting Operations**
- e) Promotional Lotteries and Prize Promotions**
- f) Raffles and Fundraising Gaming Activities**

All corporates, businesses, institutions, promoters, and organizations and individuals conducting promotional campaigns, competitions, lucky draws, or prize-based marketing initiatives are required to obtain a valid Promotional Lottery License prior to the commencement of such activities.

Likewise, schools, churches, trusts, charities, clubs, and other institutions intending to conduct raffles or fundraising gaming activities are required to obtain a valid Raffle License before undertaking such

activities.

The Board wishes to emphasize that enforcement and compliance monitoring activities are ongoing throughout the country. Any person or entity found operating outside the law will be subject to regulatory and legal action, including but not limited to:

- a) Immediate closure of operations**
- b) Seizure and confiscation of gaming equipment**
- c) Monetary penalties and sanctions**
- d) Suspension or cancellation of licenses**
- e) Criminal prosecution in terms of the law**

Members of the public are strongly encouraged to verify the licensing status of any gaming operator before participating in any gambling activity. The official list of licensed operators, licensing procedures, regulatory notices, and responsible gaming guidelines can be accessed through the Board's official website: www.lgb.co.zw

The Board remains committed to safeguarding the integrity of the gaming industry, protecting the public from illegal gambling activities, and ensuring full compliance with Zimbabwe's gaming and regulatory framework.

Play responsibly. Stay protected. Support regulated gaming