

Gaming Services
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The City of Toronto issues licences to charities conducting bingo events in commercial bingo halls. As a member of the Hall Charity Association (HCA), you must submit your application, documentation and fee to the hall charity association administrator (HCAA). Licences for events in commercial bingo halls are granted for six-month periods starting in January and July.

Waiting list

First-time applicants wanting to hold events in commercial bingo halls will be placed on the City of Toronto Bingo Hall Waiting List. For information about the waiting list, you may contact Gaming Services at (416) 392-7037.

Licence fee: \$165 per event. All licence fees must be paid by cheque from the lottery trust account and signed by two officers. Cash and personal cheques are not accepted. Cheques must be made payable to Treasurer, City of Toronto.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a gaming licence, charitable and/or religious organizations must fall under one of the following categories:

- Relief of poverty
- Advancement of religion
- Advancement of education
- Charitable purposes beneficial to the community

Each organization must:

- Have been in existence for at least one year
- Have provided charitable community services consistent with a primary objects and purposes of the organization for at least one year
- Demonstrate that it is established to provide charitable services in the City of Toronto
- Propose to use proceeds for charitable purposes or objects that benefit Toronto and its residents
- Assume full responsibility for the conduct and management of its event

Application process and requirements

New applicants: The City will review the documents to determine if the organization is eligible and the organization will be notified in writing of the decision. If deemed eligible, the organization will be placed on the Bingo Hall Waiting List until an opening becomes available. Approval for new applicants may take up to 30 business days.

Amendments or repeat events: Licences require a 15 business day processing time.

Submit the following to Gaming Services, City of Toronto:

- **Eligibility review fee:** \$25.53 (first-time applicants only) must be paid by cheque from the lottery trust account and signed by two officers. If the organization has had an eligibility review in the past year, the eligibility review fee is not required.
- **Licence fee:** as described above
- **AGCO form:** *Application to Manage and Conduct a Bingo Lottery*
- **City of Toronto form:** *Gaming Services Questionnaire*
 - Organization's constitution and/or by-laws (signed and dated)
 - Letters Patent (where applicable)
 - Current Board of Directors, including names, positions, addresses and phone numbers
 - Membership list, if applicable
 - List of programs/services and their specific costs intended for lottery proceeds
 - Proposed lottery budget and event description
 - Current signing officers and their original signatures next to their names
 - Fiscal year-end information
 - Operating budgets (preceding and current year), including revenue sources and expenses
 - Most recent annual financial statement
 - Revenue Canada notification of registration letter, where applicable
 - Current copy of documents filed with Revenue Canada under the Charities Accounting Act or Income Tax Act (form T3010)

All documentation and fees must be included with your application. Incomplete packages will be returned to your organization.

Links to related information may be found on the City website at www.toronto.ca/gaming:

- City of Toronto Lottery Licensing Bylaw
- All forms noted above
- AGCO – applications, regulations, information bulletins and terms and conditions

Contact information

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You may also contact one of the following Gaming Services staff:

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