

# **Gaming Machine Regulation 2002**

## **Statement of Regulatory Intent Security of doors on Electronic Gaming Machines**

### **Summary**

This statement of regulatory intent relates to the requirement under the Gaming Machine Regulation 2002 (the Regulation) to secure the door of an Electronic Gaming Machine (EGM).

It is intended the requirement will not be enforced in stated circumstances for a period of 18 months from 1 December 2023 to 31 May 2025 for Category 1 (hotel) and Category 2 (club) gaming licensees.

### **Preamble**

Subject to licence conditions imposed by the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR) licensees, on application, were permitted to leave EGM doors open after removing banknote acceptors and/or coin receptacles for storage in a secure location on the premises.

Permitting this practice was put forward to OLGR as a means of reducing damage to, and theft from EGMs by providing a visual indication no money is in the EGM at the end of the trading day. There was a successful 12-month trial in 2023.

### **Regulatory intent and associated reasons**

Section 27 of the Regulation requires a person who unlocks or opens the door of an EGM to lock or securely close the door before leaving the EGM or completing the purpose for unlocking or opening the door.

During this further trial period and subject to OLGR issued guidance, licensees will be permitted outside of trading periods to leave EGM doors open and remove banknote acceptors and/or coin receptacles for storage in a secure location on the premises.

The outcome of this further trial will allow for confirmation of what arrangements need to occur in order to permanently amend the Regulation.

The relaxations are specific and do not otherwise alter or impinge on enforcement policies related to licensee obligations under the *Gaming Machine Act 1991* and the Regulation. For example, cash must not be removed from a banknote acceptor or a coin receptacle except when a cash clearance is performed, and the cash clearance report is completed immediately, in accordance with section 39 of the Regulation.

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