

**MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
REPORT**

SUBJECT: Gambling Act 2005 – Premises Licence Fees 2026/27

DIRECTORATE: Social Care, Safeguarding and Health

MEETING: Licensing & Gambling Committee

Date to be considered: 17th March 2026

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: All Wards

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To agree the fees for this Authority in relation to Premises Licences under the Gambling Act 2005 for 21st May 2026 – 20th May 2027.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S):

- 2.1 It is recommended that:-

- (i) the fees and charges detailed in Appendix A of the report be approved and have a commencement date 21st May 2026; and
- (ii) The fees are subsequently reviewed annually.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 This Authority has a statutory duty under the Gambling Act 2005 to set fees for Premises Licences in accordance with the Gambling (Premises Licence)(England and Wales) Regulations 2007. The fees for these licences are to be reviewed and set annually on the 21st May each year. Premises Licences will include Betting Shops, Tracks, Adult Gaming Centres, Family Entertainment Centres and Bingo Premises. A fee assessment has not been carried out for Casinos as the Authority carried a resolution not to allow Casinos within its County at Full Council on 24th October 2024.
- 3.2 The general functions of the licensing authority in dealing with Gambling Premises Licences has been delegated to the Licensing and Gambling Committee (previously Licensing and Regulatory Committee). This was agreed in the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy approved at Full Council on 24th October 2024.
- 3.3 Licensing Authorities do not have the power to set fees for Permits which will be set by Central Government.
- 3.4 The Gambling (Premises Licence Fees) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 provided for the following types of fees to be determined by licensing authorities, *with a stipulation within these regulations of a maximum figure permitted to charge, as shown in Appendix B attached:*
- Licence application fee
 - First annual fee
 - Annual fee
 - Notification of change of circumstances fee
 - Application to vary a licence fee
 - Application to transfer a licence fee
 - Fee for a copy of a licence
 - Application for re-instatement of a licence fee

- Provisional statement application fee.

The Authority currently licence eight premises under the Gambling Act 2005 consisting of six betting premises, one track betting and one adult gaming centre all of whom will be required to pay an annual fee. This Authority do not currently licence bingo premises or family entertainment premises.

- 3.5 The European Services Directive, along with other regulations, statutory guidance and case law underline that fees must be set on a “reasonable” cost recovery basis only and cannot be set in such a manner as to generate a profit or act as an economic deterrent to traders. In determining reasonable costs the Authority may take account of costs averaged over a reasonable period (up to three years).
- 3.6 Government guidance on the types of costs that licensing authorities should include within their licensing fees.

In relation to applications, any costs associated with the licensing authority of receiving, considering and determining the application may be included, including:

- staff costs
- overheads, IT, legal and other central support costs
- initial inspections
- Licensing Committee costs, and
- the cost of hearings and appeals.

In relation to annual fees, fees should cover:

- regulatory compliance and enforcement costs for the forthcoming year (eg inspection, holding reviews and enforcement activity). This would include any action in relation to illegal gambling, and could also include the cost of providing councillor training on gambling licensing.
- the costs associated with processing the annual fee (eg updating computer systems, register of gambling premises licences and processing fee).
- annualised periodic costs incurred by the licensing authority in respect of its three year licensing policy statement.

- 3.7 Throughout 2025-26 Licensing Officers have conducted refresher training by carrying out the Gambling Commission e-learning. The duties of licence holders such as, local risk assessments, signage, how to deal with problem gambling and action, advice and information they provide pertinent to the type of licence they hold. Licensing introduced the use of risk rated inspection forms (which assess if a normal annual inspection should be conducted or more frequent visits if a problematic premises) as recommended by the Gambling Commission. As a result of the e-learning and the new inspection forms, more in-depth programmed inspections have been conducted on the racecourse, betting shops and the adult gaming centres.
- 3.8 Taking into account the elements that can be considered when setting fees as in 3.6 and 3.7 above and the work conducted by the Licensing team, which will be ongoing. An assessment has been conducted the using the Wales Licensing Expert Panel spreadsheet – as recommended for national use. As such, the cost and the proposed fees with a commencement date of 21st May 2026 is attached to this report in Appendix A. The assessment, however, cannot exceed the maximum figure a local authority is permitted to charge for the licensing of premises under the Gambling Act 2005 as stated in 3.4 above. A breakdown of the change in fees and the maximum fee that can be charged is attached in Appendix B.

- 3.9 It is noted there is a reduction in fee levels (refer to Appendix A and B) and this is down to cost recovery regarding the amount of work carried out within the Gambling licensing regime, one of the factors being a reduction of Gambling Premises.

However, the fee income we receive is from annual fees of those currently licensed and there is no change in the income fee setting for annual fees going into 2026-2027.

The last new application this authority received was for an adult gaming centre in December 2022 and no other new applications has been received since this date. This authority has never received applications for Provisional Statements, Transfers, Variations and Reinstatements. The only income received are the annual fees for the eight premises only and as such there is no loss of income to the Authority.

4. REASONS:

- 4.1 The Authority has a duty to set fees and the charges set out represent a cost recovery within the Government's maximum levels.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The fees in Appendix A are set out to ensure the recovery of reasonable costs.

6. WELLBEING AND FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

An evaluation has been provided in Appendix C to consider the effect of the schedule of Fees proposed for Gambling Premises Licence Fees for 2026-27.

7. CONSULTEES:

None

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

[Gambling Act 2005](#)

[The Gambling Act 2005 \(Licensing Authority Policy Statement\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2006](#)

[The Gambling \(Premises Licence Fees\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2007](#)

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APPENDIX A

Gambling Act 2005 – Premises Licence Fees 21st May 2026 - 20th May 2027

Application Fee			
	Bingo Premises Licence	£1634	26% Decrease
	Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	£1311	3% Decrease
	Betting Premises (Track) Licence	£1780	29% Decrease
	Family Entertainment Centre Premises Licence	£1444	21% Decrease
	Betting Premises (Other) Licence	£ 913	33% Decrease
Application Fee for Premises with a Provisional Statement			
	Bingo Premises Licence	£1200	No Change
	Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	£1189	1% Decrease
	Betting Premises (Track) Licence	£ 950	No Change
	Family Entertainment Centre Premises Licence	£ 950	No Change
	Betting Premises (Other) Licence	£ 791	34% Decrease
Annual Fee			
	Bingo Premises Licence	£1000	No Change
	Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	£1000	No Change
	Betting Premises (Track) Licence	£1000	No Change
	Family Entertainment Centre Premises Licence	£ 750	No Change
	Betting Premises (Other) Licence	£ 600	No Change
Transfer Application Fee			
	Bingo Premises Licence	£1200	No Change
	Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	£1091	5% Decrease
	Betting Premises (Track) Licence	£ 950	No Change
	Family Entertainment Centre Premises Licence	£ 950	No Change
	Betting Premises (Other) Licence	£ 608	49% Decrease
Variation Application Fee			
	Bingo Premises Licence	£1587	9% Decrease
	Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	£1000	No Change
	Betting Premises (Track) Licence	£1250	No Change
	Family Entertainment Centre Premises Licence	£1000	No Change
	Betting Premises (Other) Licence	£ 865	34% Decrease
Provisional Statement Application Fee			
	Bingo Premises Licence	£1630	26% Decrease
	Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	£1307	3% Decrease
	Betting Premises (Track) Licence	£1776	29% Decrease
	Family Entertainment Centre Premises Licence	£1440	21% Decrease
	Betting Premises (Other) Licence	£ 909	33% Decrease
Application for Reinstatement Fee			
	Bingo Premises Licence	£1200	No Change
	Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	£1192	1% Decrease
	Betting Premises (Track) Licence	£ 950	No Change
	Family Entertainment Centre Premises Licence	£ 950	No Change
	Betting Premises (Other) Licence	£ 729	39% Decrease
Change of Circumstances Fee		£ 50	No Change
Duplicate Licence Fee		£ 25	No Change

APPENDIX B

	MAXIMUM PERMITTED FEES ALLOWED	MON C.C. EXISTING FEES ENDING 20 TH MAY 2026	MON C.C. FEE CALCULATION	MON C.C. PROPOSED FEE FROM 21 ST MAY 2026
Application Fee				
Bingo Premises Licence	£3,500	£2,208	£1,634	£1,634
Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	£2,000	£1,357	£1,311	£1,311
Betting Premises (Track) Licence	£2,500	£2,500	£1,780	£1,780
Family Ent Centre Premise Licence	£2,000	£1,830	£1,444	£1,444
Betting Premises (Other) Licence	£3,000	£1,363	£913	£913
Application Fee where Provisional Statement Previously Issued				
Bingo Premises Licence	£1,200	£1,200	£1,512	£1,200
Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	£1,200	£1,200	£1,189	£1,189
Betting Premises (Track) Licence	£950	£950	£1,702	£950
Family Ent Centre Premise Licence	£950	£950	£1,323	£950
Betting Premises (Other) Licence	£1,200	£1,200	£791	£791
Annual Fee				
Bingo Premises Licence	£1,000	£1,000	£1,373	£1,000
Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	£1,000	£1,000	£1,050	£1,000
Betting Premises (Track) Licence	£1,000	£1,000	£1,563	£1,000
Family Ent Centre Premise Licence	£750	£750	£1,183	£750
Betting Premises (Other) Licence	£600	£600	£652	£600
Transfer Application Fee				
Bingo Premises Licence	£1,200	£1,200	£1,340	£1,200
Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	£1,200	£1,169	£1,091	£1,091
Betting Premises (Track) Licence	£950	£950	£1,529	£950

Family Ent Centre Premise Licence	£950	£950	£1,224	£950
Betting Premises (Other) Licence	£1,200	£1,070	£608	£608
Variation Application Fee				
Bingo Premises Licence	£1,750	£1,750	£1,587	£1,587
Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	£1,000	£1,000	£1,263	£1,000
Betting Premises (Track) Licence	£1,250	£1,250	£1,776	£1,250
Family Ent Centre Premise Licence	£1,000	£1,000	£1,397	£1,000
Betting Premises (Other) Licence	£1,500	£1,317	£865	£865
Provisional Statement Application Fee				
Bingo Premises Licence	£3,500	£2,204	£1,630	£1,630
Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	£2,000	£1,353	£1,307	£1,307
Betting Premises (Track) Licence	£2,500	£2,500	£1,776	£1,776
Family Ent Centre Premise Licence	£2,000	£1,826	£1,440	£1,440
Betting Premises (Other) Licence	£3,000	£1,358	£909	£909
Application for Reinstatement Fee				
Bingo Premises Licence	£1,200	£1,200	£1,451	£1,200
Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	£1,200	£1,200	£1,192	£1,192
Betting Premises (Track) Licence	£950	£950	£1,640	£950
Family Ent Centre Premise Licence	£950	£950	£1,335	£950
Betting Premises (Other) Licence	£1,200	£1,200	£729	£729
Change of Circumstances Fee	£50	£50	£143	£50
Duplicate Licence Fee	£25	£25	£38	£25