

Implementing the Matatā decision

Listing operational **and** non-operational machines on a venue licence to preserve your gaming machine entitlement

How you can preserve your gaming machine entitlement

EXAMPLE

If you hold a class 4 venue licence that enables you to operate up to 18 machines at a venue, you will need to have a minimum of 18 machines on your licence to maintain the operating entitlement.

If you don't list at least 18 machines on the licence before 31 March 2023, this will result in the entitlement being reduced to the number of machines listed on the new licence.

Machines can either be listed as operational or non-operational.

Maximum Operating Entitlement = 18



Important Information and Fees

1. A machine can only be listed as operational on one venue licence at a time. However, you may list non-operational machines on any venue licence that you hold. You may also list a machine that is operational at a venue as non-operational at other venues.
2. Changing a machine from operational to non-operational within the same venue licence will not incur an application fee as it will no longer be considered an amendment to the licence.
3. The Gambling (Fees) Regulations 2015, requires that annual fees will be applied to each specified machine on a venue licence. Machines with a status of non-operational will be charged the annual fee. Te Tari Taiwhenua (DIA) do not have the ability to waive this fee however only operational machines will incur the EMS daily monitoring fee.

All applications must be submitted by 31 March 2023. This deadline date has been selected to ensure all licence holders have an equal amount of time to submit their application. If no changes are made by this deadline, maximum entitlements will be reduced to the number of machines currently operating on the licence.

Subject: FW: Preserve your gaming machine entitlement before 31 March 2023

We're pleased to announce the implementation of the Gambling Commission's Matatā decision

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Preserve your gaming machine entitlement

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Kia ora

We're pleased to announce the implementation of the Gambling Commission's Matatā decision giving you the opportunity to preserve your gaming machine entitlement by allowing operational and non-operational machines to be listed on a venue licence.

Last year we advised that we needed to complete development work on our IT Licensing System to implement the decision. That work is now complete and you can find the updated class 4 licence forms on dia.govt.nz/gambling.

To avoid any delays with your application, please ensure you're using the correct forms.

The deadline for submitting an application to list operational and non-operational machines on your venue licence is **31 March 2023**. This deadline date has been selected to ensure all licence holders have an equal amount of time to submit their application.

If no changes are made by this deadline, maximum entitlements will be reduced to the number of machines operating on your current licence.

What the Matatā decision means for you

- You can apply to list both operational and non-operational machines on your venue licence to preserve your maximum gaming machine entitlement by 31 March 2023.
- From today, if you make any changes to your licence, and remove a machine without replacing it with another operational machine or adding a non-operational machine in its place, your maximum operating entitlement will be reduced to the new number of machines listed.
- Changing machines from operational to non-operational within the same venue licence will no longer be considered an amendment and won't incur an application fee.

For more information on the Gambling Commission's Matatā decision and what this means for you please visit dia.govt.nz/gambling and download the [Implementing the Matatā decision Information Sheet](#).

Ngā mihi nui,

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