



Directive 14.2020

Class A and B licenced Bookmakers

Calculation and Payment of Betting Tax and Contribution

Directive No. 14.2020 is drafted based on the provisions of articles 74 and 75 of the Betting Law of 2019 37(I)/2019, as amended or replaced, (hereinafter referred to as the “Law”).

2. For the purposes of this Directive, the relevant subsections of article 74 of the Law are listed below:

Subsection 5, (...) *the amount of net revenues from betting for a Class A or B licenced bookmaker in a specific accounting period shall be equal to "X" minus "Y" where:*

(a) *"X" is the total amount paid to the Class A or B licenced bookmaker or authorised agent in the specific accounting period in relation to bets conducted by him/her; and*

(b) *"Y" is the total amount paid by the Class A or B licenced bookmaker in the specific period as winnings to players, irrespective of when the bets were placed or carried out*

Subsection 6, *when calculating the amount due to a player from a bet, regard shall be had to any other benefits secured for the player, and no regard shall be had to the Class A or B licenced bookmaker's expenses.*

Subsection 7, *where a player participates in a bet, in the context of a special offer which allows him not to pay any amount or to pay an amount less than the amount he would have to pay if the special offer did not exist, he shall be considered for the purposes of this Part (for the calculation of betting tax and contribution) to be obliged to pay that amount to the Class A or B licenced bookmaker and authorised agent at the time the bet was placed.*

Subsection 8, *for the purpose of subparagraph (b) of paragraph (5):*

(a) *the reference to the payment of amounts to a player includes a reference to the amounts kept on behalf of the said player in case the said person can withdraw those amounts on first demand, and*

(b) *the return of the amount of a bet is considered as payout of winnings.*



3. Method of calculation

3.1. Class A licenced bookmaker

3.1.1. According to subsections 6 and 7 of article 74 of the Law, the Class A licenced bookmaker, during the calculation of the betting tax and contribution, in a particular accounting period, must include to the “X” the amount of the offer given to the player, and the player placed a bet with that particular offer, and must include it to the “Y” in the particular accounting period that will pay the winnings to the player.

3.1.2 According to subsection 8(b) of article 74 of the Law, in the event that the licenced bookmaker will void the bet, as it is provided in his regulations, and return the amount to the player, then the said amount will be added to the “Y”.

3.1.3 Class A licenced bookmaker, upon the payment of the betting tax and the contribution, must provide detailed statement – Annex A – for each accounting month, in which the following should be included:

- i. Unique number of the bookmaker’s licence,
- ii. Unique number of authorised agent and betting premises’ licence,
- iii. Name of legal entity/Tradenname of the authorised agent,
- iv. Unique number of betting premises, as it is registered in the bookmaker’s software system,
- v. Address of the betting premises,
- vi. Detailed revenue Statement (pay in) per premises or authorized agent,
- vii. Amount of offers given to the players,
- viii. Detailed Expenses statement (pay out) per premises or authorized agent,
- ix. Amount that was returned to the players (amount of offer and/or void of a bet),
- x. Gross profit per betting premises or authorized agent,
- xi. Amount due for the betting tax and contribution (13%),
- xii. Betting Tax amount due (10%),
- xiii. Contribution due (2%),
- xiv. Contribution due (1%).
- xv. Total amount of commission.



3.2 Class B bookmaker

3.2.1. According to subsection 6 and 7 of article 74 of the Law, Class B licenced bookmaker during the calculation of the betting tax and contribution, must include to the “X” the amount of the offer given to the player in a particular accounting period, and the player placed a bet with that particular offer, and must include it to the “Y” in the particular period that will pay the winnings to the player.

3.2.2. According to subsection 8(a) of section 74 of the Law, the licenced bookmaker will include to the “Y” the amount paid to the player in the event that the player withdraws his money.

3.2.3. Therefore, according to subsection 8(b) of section 74 of the Law, in the event that the licenced bookmaker will void the bet, as it is provided in his regulations, and return the amount to the player, then the said amount will be added to the “Y”.

3.2.4. Class B licenced bookmaker, upon the payment of the betting tax and contribution, must provide detailed statement (Annex B) for each accounting month, in which the following should be included:

- i. Unique number of the bookmaker’s licence,
- ii. Name of the legal entity of the bookmaker or/and trade name,
- iii. Total amounts paid to the licenced bookmaker, upon the accounting period concerned, in relation to betting (pay in),
- iv. Total amounts of offers to the players (offers/bonus/etc),
- v. Total amounts which have been paid by the licenced bookmaker, upon the period concerned, as winnings to the players, regardless of when the bets were carried out or declared (pay out),
- vi. Total amounts that was returned to the players (amount of offer and/or void of bet and /or withdrawal of money),
- vii. Gross gaming revenue,
- viii. Betting tax and contribution due (13%)
- ix. Betting Tax amount due (10%),
- x. Contribution due (2%),
- xi. Contribution due (1%).



The detailed statements - Annexes A and B - are posted on the Authority's website in the section "REGULATED ENTITIES/TAX AND CONTRIBUTION".

4. Payment Period

According to the provisions of article 75 of the Law, every Class A or B licenced bookmaker is obliged to pay the amount of betting tax and contribution due to the Republic of Cyprus and the Authority respectively, by the end of the calendar month following every accounting period, in accordance with the provision of the Law. Therefore, the Authority has decided that the licenced A or B licenced bookmaker may pay the amount due as betting tax and contribution to the Authority until the end of the following month that the amount is concerned (i.e. for the accounting month November 2020, the payment of the tax can be made until the 31st of December 2020).

5. Payment methods:

5.1 The payment of the betting tax and contribution will be acceptable **ONLY** by bank transfer to the following bank account details:

Credit Institution: **Bank of Cyprus Public Company Ltd**

Beneficiary: **Εθνική Αρχή Στοιχημάτων ή National Betting Authority**

IBAN: **CY71 0020 0195 0000 3570 3046 0931 (printed form) or
CY71002001950000357030460931 (electronic form)**

Swift (BIC code): **BCYPCY2N**

Transfer details: **“Betting Tax and Contribution (month)/(year)” and the name of the legal entity of the bookmaker.**

5.2. The proof of payment (electronic or printed) and the detailed statements in excel format should be forwarded via email to the email address of the Authority tax@nba.gov.cy, with indication of the name of the licenced bookmaker, Tax and Contribution, as well as the month/year concerned (i.e. ABC Ltd – Tax and Contribution 01/2019).



6. Fines for delayed payments – article 76 of the Law

It is noted that, in case the betting tax due or the contribution due are not paid by the Class A or B licensed bookmaker in time, in accordance with article 75, a fine equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the betting tax due or contribution due shall be added to it and the betting tax due or contribution due plus the fine shall become payable along with default interest, calculated based on the relevant default interest rate applicable for the State which is set by a Decree issued by the Minister of Finance pursuant to the Law on Single Public Default Interest Rate. Any fine and interest imposed pursuant to this Article shall be collected as betting tax or contribution due. Where the bookmaker continues to fail to pay the betting tax or contribution for the specific accounting period, for a period of more than sixty (60) days from the date on which the debt arose, the Authority may seize the amount owed from the bank guarantee specified in subsection (2) of article 32.

7. This Directive repeals Directive 31/2019.

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**In case of discrepancy between English and Greek version, the Greek version supersedes.*

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