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Class A and B Bookmakers

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Directive 31/2019

### **Calculation and Payment of Betting Tax and Contribution**

According to section 11 of the Betting Law 2012, L. 106(I)/2012, as amended or replaced from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the “Law”), the National Betting Authority (hereinafter the «Authority») has the power to draft and issue Regulations and Directives for the best possible application of the Law. Directive No. 31/2019 is drawn up on the basis of the provisions of sections 71 and 73 of the Law regarding the calculation of betting tax and contribution, as well as the payment obligation.

2. For the purposes of this Directive, the relevant subsections of section 71 of the Law are listed below:

**Subsection 5**, the amount of net proceeds from a bet from a Class A or B licensed bookmaker, for a particular accounting period, is equal to “X” minus “Y”, where –

- (a) “X” is the total amounts paid (pay in) to the Class A or B licensed bookmaker or authorised representative, in a particular accounting period, in relation to bets carried out by him, and
- (b) “Y” is the total amounts paid (pay out) by the Class A or B licensed bookmaker or authorised representative in that particular period, as winnings to persons who bet, irrespective as to when the bets were placed or played;

**Subsection 6**, when calculating the amount owed to a player in relation to a bet, other benefits obtained by the player are taken into account and the expenses of the licensed Class A or B bookmaker are not taken into account;

**Subsection 7**, where a person participates in a bet within the scope of an offer that permits him not to pay an amount, or to pay an amount less than the amount he should have paid if the offer were not available, it is considered for the purposes of the present Part that he is obliged to pay this amount to the licensed Class A or B bookmaker and authorised representative at the time the bet was placed.

**Subsection 8**, for the purposes of paragraph (b) of subsection (5) -

- (a) the reference to the payment of amounts to a player includes reference to the maintenance of amounts on behalf of the said player in the event he may withdraw the same on first demand, and
- (b) the return of a betting amount is considered as payment of winnings.

### **3. Method of calculation**

#### **3.1. Class A bookmaker**

3.1.1. According to subsections 6 and 7 of section 71 of the Law, the Class A licensed 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 section 71 of the Law, in the event that the licensed 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 licensed 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 license,
- ii. Name of the legal entity of the bookmaker or/and trade name,
- iii. Unique number of betting premise, as it is registered in the bookmaker’s software system,
- iv. Unique number of betting premise’s license,
- v. Unique number of authorized representative’s license,
- vi. ID number/ number of legal entity of the authorized representative,
- vii. Address of the betting premise,
- viii. Detailed revenue statement (pay in) per betting premise or authorized representative,

- ix. Amount of offers given to the players,
- x. Detailed expenses statement (pay out) per betting premise or authorized representative,
- xi. Amount that was returned to the players (amount of offer and/or void of a bet),
- xii. Gross profit per betting premise or authorized representative,
- xiii. Amount due for the gaming tax (10%) and contribution (3%),
- xiv. Amount of commission paid to the authorized representative.

### **3.2. Class B bookmaker**

3.2.1. According to subsection 6 and 7 of section 71 of the Law, the Class B licensed 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 accounting period that will pay the winnings to the player.

3.2.2. According to subsection 8(a) of section 71 of the Law, the licensed bookmaker will include to the “Y” the amount paid to the player in the event that the player withdraws his money.

3.2.3 According to subsection 8(b) of section 71 of the Law, in the event that the licensed 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”.

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3.2.4 Class B licensed bookmaker, upon the payment of the betting tax and the 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 license,
- ii. Name of the legal entity of the bookmaker or/and trade name,
- iii. Total amounts paid to the licensed bookmaker, upon the accounting period concerned, in relation to betting (pay in),
- iv. Total amounts of offer to the players (offers, bonus, etc.),
- v. Total amounts which have been paid by the licensed 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 of offers given to the players (amount of offer and/or void of a bet and/or withdrawal of money),



- vii. Gross gaming revenue,
- viii. Gaming Tax (10%),
- ix. Amount due in respect of the contribution (2% and 1%).

The detailed statements (Annex A and B) are uploaded on the Authority's website in section "REGULATED ENTITIES/ TAX AND CONTRIBUTION".

#### **4. Payment period**

As per the provisions of section 73 of the Law, every Class A or/and B licensed bookmaker is obliged to pay the Republic of Cyprus, at the end of every accounting period, any amount due as gaming tax and the contribution to the Authority, in accordance with the provisions of the Law. Therefore, the Authority has decided that the licensed A or/and B bookmaker may pay the amount due as gaming tax and contribution to the Authority until the end of the month following the month it concerns (i.e. for the accounting month February 2019, the payment of the tax can be made until the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2019).

#### **5. Payment methods**

5.1. The payment of the gaming tax and contribution will be acceptable **ONLY** in either of the following two ways:

(a) bank cheque issued to **“ΕΘΝΙΚΗ ΑΡΧΗ ΣΤΟΙΧΗΜΑΤΩΝ”** or **“NATIONAL BETTING AUTHORITY”**

or

(b) bank transfer to the following bank account details:

Name of Credit Institution: **Bank of Cyprus Public Company Limited**

Beneficiary details: **Εθνική Αρχή Στοιχημάτων** or **National Betting Authority**

IBAN/Account number: **CY71 0020 0195 0000 3570 3046 0931 (printed format)**

**CY71002001950000357030460931 (electronic format)**


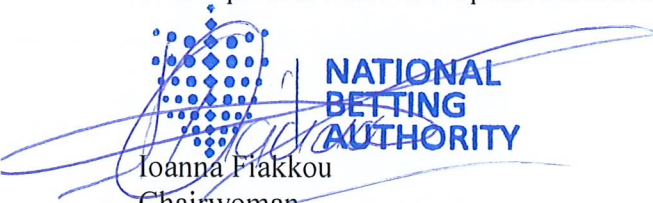
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Transfer details: **“Gaming Tax and Contribution (month)/(year)”** and the name of the legal entity of the bookmaker.

5.2. It is noted that, the payment receipt (electronic or printed), as well as the detailed statements in excel format should be forwarded via email to the email address of the Authority [tax@nba.gov.cy](mailto:tax@nba.gov.cy), with indication of the name of the licensed bookmaker, Tax and Contribution, as well as the month/year concerned (i.e. ABC Ltd – Tax and Contribution 01/2019).

6. It is noted that, according to article 31 of the Law, the Authority revokes a Class A or B bookmaker's license, in the event he omits to pay the tax or contribution amount within one (1) month from the expiry of the time specified for payment, in accordance with the provisions of the Law or any other law in force.

7. The present Directive repeals Directives 2/2016 and 18/2016.



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*\*in case of discrepancy between English and Greek versions, the Greek version supersedes*

## ANNEX A

**Class A licensed bookmaker:**

Accounting period:

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## ANNEX B

### Tax Statement Class B Bookmaker (Directive 31/2019)

Number of Licence:	
Name of the Legal Entity or/and Trade Name:	
Accounting Period:	

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COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (PAY IN)	1	
OVERALL AMOUNT OF OFFER TO THE PLAYERS (BONUS)	2	
TOTAL PROFIT DISTRIBUTION (PAY OUT)	3	
TOTAL AMOUNTS OF OFFERS GIVEN TO PLAYERS	4	
GROSS GAMING REVENUE (GGR)	5	0
TOTAL OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION	6	0
GAMING TAX (10%)	7	0
CONTRIBUTION (2%)	8	0
CONTRIBUTION (1%)	9	0