

**Gambling Act 2005**  
**Statement of Principles for Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centres**  
**and Prize Gaming Permits**

The Licensing Authority will take into account the following when making decisions in respect of granting FEC gaming machine permits and prize gaming permits.

- Relevant Gambling Commission Guidance
- The Licensing Authority Gambling Policy
- May (but need not) take into account the licensing objectives

We will expect applicants for these permits to show that policies and procedures are in place to protect children from harm.

Applicants will be expected to demonstrate or set out:

- The types of gaming intended to be offered
- A full understanding of the maximum stakes and prizes of the gambling that is permissible and set out in Regulations.
- That the applicant has no relevant convictions (i.e. those that are set out in Schedule 7 of the Act).
- That documented systems are in place for the training of staff in the procedures in place to meet the licensing objectives.
- Staff are trained to have a full understanding of the maximum stakes & prizes.
- That the applicant is a suitable person by providing such other information or documents as required on the application form.
- That premises will not be presented in such a way as to specifically attract under 18's.

In deciding whether to grant or reject applicants, the Licensing Authority will pay particular attention to

- The applicant being suitable, having particular regard to any relevant convictions to operate a Family Entertainment Centre or place where prize gaming will take place.
- The premises being suitable given their location e.g. proximity to schools and vulnerable adult centres, as well as in terms of issues of crime and disorder
- The Police having no legitimate concerns in respect of the applicant or the premises.