

## SCHEDULES

### [<sup>F1</sup>SCHEDULE 15A

#### Lotteries and competitions: requirement to pay in order to participate

**F1** Sch. 15A inserted (27.4.2022) by [Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements \(Amendment\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(c. 14\)](#), ss. **9(2)**, **17(2)**, **Sch.**

#### *Introduction*

**1.** This Schedule makes provision about the circumstances in which an arrangement is to be or not to be treated for the purposes of Articles 131(2) and 168(2A) as requiring persons to pay in order to participate in the arrangement.

#### *Meaning of payment*

**2.** For the purposes of Articles 131(2) and 168(2A) and this Schedule a reference to paying includes a reference to—

- (a) paying money,
- (b) transferring money's worth, and
- (c) paying for goods or services at a price or rate which reflects the opportunity to participate in an arrangement.

**3.** It is immaterial for the purposes of Articles 131(2) and 168(2A) and this Schedule—

- (a) to whom a payment is made, and
- (b) who receives benefit from a payment.

**4.** It is also immaterial for the purposes of Articles 131(2) and 168(2A) and this Schedule whether a person knows when making a payment that the person thereby participates in an arrangement.

#### *Stamps, telephone calls, etc.*

**5.—(1)** For the purposes of Articles 131(2) and 168(2A) and this Schedule a reference to paying does not include a reference to incurring the expense, at a normal rate, of—

- (a) sending a letter by ordinary post,
- (b) making a telephone call, or
- (c) using any other method of communication.

**(2)** For the purpose of sub-paragraph (1)—

- (a) a “normal rate” is a rate which does not reflect the opportunity to enter a lottery, and
- (b) ordinary post means ordinary first-class or second-class post (without special arrangements for delivery).

**Changes to legislation:** *The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, SCHEDULE 15A is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 04 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes*

*Payment to discover whether prize won*

6. For the purposes of Articles 131(2) and 168(2A) and this Schedule a requirement to pay in order to discover whether a prize has been won under an arrangement is to be treated as a requirement to pay in order to participate in the arrangement.

*Payment to claim prize*

7. For the purposes of Articles 131(2) and 168(2A) and this Schedule a requirement to pay in order to take possession of a prize which has or may have been allocated to a person under an arrangement is to be treated as a requirement to pay in order to participate in the arrangement.

*Choice of free entry*

8.—(1) For the purposes of Article 131(2) and 168(2A) and this Schedule an arrangement is not to be treated as requiring persons to pay in order to participate if under the arrangement—

- (a) each individual who is eligible to participate has a choice whether to participate by paying or by sending a communication,
  - (b) the communication mentioned in paragraph (a) may be either a letter sent by ordinary post, or another method of communication which is neither more expensive nor less convenient than paying to participate in the arrangement,
  - (c) the choice is publicised in such a way as to be likely to come to the attention of each individual who proposes to participate, and
  - (d) the system for allocating prizes does not differentiate between those who participate by paying and those who participate by sending a communication.
- (2) In this paragraph “ordinary post” has the meaning given by paragraph 5(2)(b).

*Power to make regulations*

9. Regulations may provide that an activity of a specified kind or performed in specified circumstances is to be or not to be treated for the purposes of Articles 131(2) and 168(2A) as paying to participate in an arrangement.]

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Instrument applied by [1997 c. 16 s.15\(3\)](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act applied by [1997 c. 16 s.15\(3\)](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 172A and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 14 \(N.I.\) s. 15\(1\)](#)
- art. 186(3A) inserted by [2022 c. 14 \(N.I.\) s. 15\(2\)\(a\)](#)