

**Issue of Amusement Game Centre Licence
under the Amusement Game Centres Ordinance (Cap. 435)
Frequently Asked Questions**

1. What criteria are employed in the granting of Amusement Game Centre Licences (AGCL)?

Under the terms of the Amusement Game Centres Ordinance (AGCO), which regulates amusement game centres, an AGCL will not normally be granted unless the public officer appointed by the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs is satisfied that:

- (a) the person applying for the licence is an individual person who has attained the age of 18; is fit to operate an amusement game centre; will adequately and personally supervise the operation of that centre; and is not the agent, representative or servant of any person whose AGCL has been revoked or whose application to renew an AGCL has been refused; and
- (b) the place of the proposed operation is suitable for the operation of an amusement game centre and is located in an area suitable for such operation.

2. Can a body corporate or partnership hold an AGCL?

The person applying for an AGCL must be an individual who meets the requirements of Section 5(4)(a) of the AGCO. In the case of a body corporate or a partnership, the applicant must be a person authorised by the body corporate or the partnership as its agent or representative.

3. Is an AGCL required for the provision of amusement game facilities in the clubhouses of private residential estates?

Rather than apply for an AGCL, the authorised person in this case may apply to the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs for a licence exemption to provide amusement game facilities to residents and their visitors inside the clubhouse of a private residential estate. The Guidance Notes setting out the application procedures and relevant requirements can be accessed at the "Application Forms and Guides" of our website.

4. How is the 100-metre area specified in the licensing requirement measured?

The area is determined by marking a circle that is 100 metres in radius with the main entrance of the proposed amusement game centre at its centre. For details of this requirement, please refer to paragraph (1)(b) of "How to Apply" on page 2 of the "General Information on Application for Grant of a Licence" in "Guidance Notes on Application for the Grant of Amusement Game Centre Licence". It can be accessed at the "Application Forms and Guides" of our website.

5. Is an AGCL required for operating an e-sports venue?

Considering that e-sports venue, depending on its business operation, may be subject to the regulation under the AGCO, but applying some of the licensing requirements under the AGCO to e-sports venue may hinder the long-term development of the e-sports industry, the OLA adopts an appropriate mechanism to exempt e-sports venues from the requirements of AGCL. Operators or the authorised representatives (if the applicant is a body corporate) of e-sports venues may apply to the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs for an exemption of e-sports venues from licence requirement under the AGCO. For details, please refer to the guidance note setting out the application procedures and relevant requirements at the "Application Forms and Guides" of our website.