

## **GAMBLING ACT 2005**

The Gambling Act 2005 is the first change in the regulatory framework for the gambling industry since the 1960s, creating a new and unified regulatory network for the regulation of all forms of gambling in the UK except the National Lottery.

The provisions of the Act include:

- The establishment of an independent Gambling Commission to regulate almost all forms of gambling and to provide guidelines and codes of practice for the industry.
- New powers vested in local authorities to license gambling premises within their area.
- A duty for UK operators to obtain an operating licence in respect of gambling via remote communication, such as television, radio and the internet.
- The categorisation and deregulation of casinos, with a new casino licensing system.
- New definitions of "gaming machines".
- Regulation of gambling advertising.

This Current Law Statute Guide includes the full text of the Act with detailed section by section annotations. An introduction sets out the background of and rationale for the Act and explains its features part by part. A detailed index enables the reader to find the information required quickly and easily.

The Guide will enable all those concerned with gambling law in the UK, including Local Authorities, solicitors, barristers and in-house counsel, to familiarise themselves with the Act and its implications, from the duties and powers it establishes to the new regulatory framework.

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