

## Directive 2 of 2020

### Low Risk Games in Care and Nursing Homes Ruling

In exercise of the power conferred by article 7(2) of the Gaming Act, 2018 (Cap. 583 of the Laws of Malta) and the Second Schedule of the Gaming Authorisations Regulations (S.L. 583.05), the Malta Gaming Authority is hereby issuing the following ruling in relation to the offering of Low Risk Games in premises designated as care and nursing homes for the elderly.

#### Part I – Short Title and Definitions

1. The short title of this ruling is the Low Risk Games in Care and Nursing Homes Ruling 2020.
2. This ruling shall be deemed to have come into force on the date of its publication.
3. (1) In this ruling, save as provided in sub-article (2) of this article, all words and phrases shall have the same meaning as prescribed in the Gaming Definitions Regulations (S.L. 583.04).  
(2) In this ruling, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - “Regulations” means the Gaming Authorisations Regulations (S.L. 583.05); and
  - “Care and nursing home” means a facility used for the care and housing of the elderly whether for remuneration or not, and excludes facilities for the elderly which do not provide care services.

#### Part II – Exemption of Low Risk Games

4. Any care and nursing home that wishes to organise a low risk game shall be exempted from obtaining the relevant approval from the Authority.
  - Provided that the low risk game satisfies all of the following criteria cumulatively:
    - (a) The low risk game is organised by the care and nursing home;
    - (b) The low risk game may consist solely of a bingo-type game:
      - Provided that in case of doubt as to the nature of the game, the Authority shall have the sole discretion to decide its classification;
    - (c) The value of the stake to participate in the game shall not exceed one Euro (€1);
    - (d) The value of the prize thereof shall not exceed one hundred Euro (€100); and



- (e) The low risk game shall only be made available to elderly persons who are living at, or in any way benefitting from or making use of services offered by the care and nursing home.