

Bingo Bulletin

Commercial Bingo Handbook (CBH) Amendments

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This bulletin is to advise all bingo facility licensees, registered gaming workers, and bingo stakeholders of IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS to the Commercial Bingo Handbook (CBH).

- In keeping with the Government of Alberta red tape reduction initiatives, please note the following policy changes:
 - Section 4.4
 - Registered gaming workers, such as: bingo hall managers, assistant hall managers, Event Management System (EMS) administrators and pull ticket managers, will now only be required to submit a records check provided by the RCMP or local police (dated within the last three months) to AGLC for review.
 - Security guards that apply to become a Registered Gaming Worker (RGW) are no longer required to submit a photograph with their RGW application.
 - Section 9.3 & 9.5
 - All audio/video recording equipment is no longer required to be supplied purchased, repaired, and/or modified by a registered gaming supplier.
 - Camera requirements for bingo facilities have been amended. Cashier stations will continue to be recorded with 30 images per second (i.p.s.); however, all other camera recording requirements have been reduced to 15 i.p.s.
 - The removal of Class B bingo licensed facilities from CBH policy. Please note, with the removal of policy for Class B, only association bingo remains in policy and therefore all references to Class A bingo have also been removed.
 - In support of the Government of Alberta's red tape reduction program, additional duplicate or redundant policies were removed from Subsections 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 3.11, 4.1, and 4.4. Additionally, the terms "police security check" and "security clearance" have been updated to "records check" to align with the Gaming, Liquor & Cannabis Regulation.

These changes reduce regulatory requirements, provide flexibility and reduce costs for licensed bingo facilities

Please familiarize yourself with the amended policies, update your CBH as required, and ensure all affected staff are notified of the new requirements. The amended CBH may be accessed on AGLC's website at aglc.ca.

IF you have any questions or concerns, please contact AGLC's Regulatory Services Division or call AGLC Hotline at 1-800-561-4415.