



Isle of Man Gambling Supervision Commission

**Guidance Notes for the approval for Test
Facility Accreditation**

Introduction

Whether a game is offered to a player directly or via a third party, the game must be certified by a test house approved by the Isle of Man Gambling Supervision Commission.

The Online Gambling (Systems Verification) (No2) Regulations 2007', section 2 state, (1) "*before any Gaming or a Lottery is conducted by a Participant by means of any System,*" they must "produce to the Commissioners a certificate in writing issued by a **party approved for the purpose** by the Commissioners (or previously approved by the Department of Home Affairs) that the System by means of which such Gaming or Lottery is conducted complies with the standards specified in Schedule 1."

Once the Inspectorate is satisfied that an application form has been fully completed, the application process will typically take around 2 weeks. This period begins when the Inspectorate issues an email advising that the application has been accepted and the process is underway.

Please note that after receipt of your completed form, the Commission may still need to contact you for any further information we deem necessary in order to determine your application.

Approved Testing Facility Status will be dependent on the Commission's assessment that the test house is suitable, that it is independent and consideration will be given to whether accreditation has been attained from UKAS or an equivalent international organization for BS EN ISO 17025: 2017 (general requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories) which are a requirement of the Commission's technical standards in Schedule 1 of the Online Gambling (Systems Verification) (No2) Regulations 2007.

Section 1 - Application

A Company wishing to be approved as an accredited testing facility by the Commission should submit a completed application form, which can be obtained here:

<http://www.gov.im/gambling/applications.xml>.

This form should be sent via email, to GamblingSupervision.Commission@gov.im or post, to our offices at the Isle of Man Gambling Supervision Commission, Ground Floor, St. George's Court, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 1ED.

Section 2 - Company details

The applicant details should be provided in the form of the company's full name and business address, trading name if different and website address in order that the Inspectorate can carry out their review about the entity, including the office location and services provided.

Section 3 - Relevant permits, licences and accreditation

The Commission is interested in understanding what relevant accreditations or permits the company may already hold, or other jurisdictions where you have been approved by gambling regulators to carry out testing.

Relevant accreditations may include:-

BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2017 STANDARD:

General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories.

BS EN ISO/IEC 17020:2012 STANDARD:

General requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection.

In addition, details will also be required of all relevant certificates of accreditation, licences or permits. If you are an approved test house for another gambling regulator, the details of your approval (name of regulator, date of approval, scope of approval, etc.) should also be provided on the application form.

Section 4 – Annual Accreditation check

12 months after approval has been granted by the Commission and in order that the Commission retains the most up to date information for the company, the Inspectorate will contact you in relation to an Annual Accreditation check, this will be sent to you via email, whereby we will ask if there have been any changes in your company name, business address, contact information or indeed accreditation.

Section 5 – Contact us

The Gambling Supervision Commission aspire to make your request for accreditation approval to be as seamless as possible. If however you have any area of concern or questions during the process, please contact us on the following:

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