



# GAMBLING VENUES POLICY



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<b>Adopted by</b>	Napier City Council on 22 April 2021
<b>Relevant Legislation</b>	Gambling Act 2003 Racing Act 2003
<b>NCC Documents Referenced</b>	Napier District Plan

## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Address the cumulative effects that additional opportunities for gambling in the district could present our community
- Curb the growth of gambling in the district
- Minimise the harm to the community caused by gambling
- Control the location of Class 4 Gambling and TAB board venues

## Definitions

- a. Class 4 Gambling means gambling that utilises or involves a gaming machine as defined in the Gambling Act;
- b. Club means a voluntary association of persons combined for a purpose other than personal gain;
- c. Gaming Machine means a device whether totally or partly mechanically or electronically operated, that is adapted or designed and constructed for the use in gambling, also commonly known as 'pokie' machines';
- d. TAB Board Venue means premises that are owned or leased by the NZ Racing Board where the main business carried out at the premises is providing racing or sports betting services.

## Policy

1. Total number of venues and machines to be allowed.
  - a. Napier City Council has a 'sinking lid' approach to Class 4 Gambling. Therefore the Council will not grant consent for any additional venues or machines within the district.
  - b. The maximum number of TAB Board Venues will not exceed 2.
2. Number of gaming machines allowed per venue
  - a. The maximum number of gaming machines for Class 4 venues, Clubs and TABs shall be the same as allowed under section 92, 93 and 94 of the Gambling Act:

Category	Number of Machines
Licensed on or before 17 October 2001	18
Licensed since 17 October 2001	9

3. Class 4 and TAB board venue relocations

a. Napier City Council may grant consent under s 98(c) of the Gambling Act to a proposal to change the venue to which a Class 4 venue licence currently applies, provided that:

- i. The relocation is to an upgraded venue approved by Council, or where the existing venue has or is likely to become damaged or otherwise uninhabitable due to fire and/or natural disaster; and
- ii. The new venue is to be operated by the same operator licence holder; and
- iii. The new venue is within the following zones specified in the Napier City Council District Plan:

- Inner City Commercial Zone
- Art Deco Quarter
- Fringe Commercial Zone
- Ahuriri Mixed Used Zone
- Main Industrial Zone
- West Quay Waterfront
- Taradale Suburban Commercial Zone (maximum of 3 venues)

b. The relocation of the venue is not inconsistent with the purpose of this policy.

c. A consent to relocate is subject to the conditions provided in the policy and in accordance with section 97A of the Gambling Act.

4. The maximum number of gaming machines permitted to operate at the new venue at the time when the new Class 4 venue licence takes effect is the same as the maximum number of gaming machines permitted to operate at the old venue immediately before the licence relating to the old venue is cancelled.

a. Applicants must meet all application, declaration and fee requirements.

### Policy Review

The review timeframe of this policy will be no longer than every three years.



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