



Society and Other Lotteries

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a lottery?

The Lotteries Act 57 of 1997, as amended defines a lottery as any scheme, arrangement or plan, promotional competition or device for distributing prizes by lot or chance.

2. What are the different types of lotteries?

- The South African National Lottery
- Private Lotteries
- Society Lotteries
- Lottery incidental to exempt entertainment
- Promotional Competitions

3. Who is eligible to run these lotteries?

The South African National Lottery

The National Lottery may only be run by the licensed national lottery operator which is appointed by the Minister of Trade and Industry.

Society Lotteries

Society lotteries can be operated by non-profit organisations, any club, institution, organisation or association of persons.



Private Lotteries

Any club, institution, organisation or association of persons may operate private lotteries.

Incidental to exempt entertainment

Non-profit organisations, any club, institution, organisation or association of persons may operate this type of lottery.

Promotional Competitions

Promotional competitions may be run by business entities & non-profit companies.

4. What are the requirements for running a lottery?

National Lottery

Every eight years interested parties are invited by advertisement across national media platforms to submit proposals to run the National Lottery.

Private Lotteries and Lotteries incidental to exempt entertainment

It is advisable to contact the National Lotteries Commission for advice before conducting these forms of lotteries. Regulatory requirements are contained in regulation R414 and R413 respectively.

Society Lottery

Prior to conducting this form of lottery, you are required to apply to the National Lotteries Commission for registration as a society and for registration of the lottery scheme.



Promotional Competitions

Promotional competitions are regulated under the provisions of Section 36 of the Consumer Protection Act No. 68 of 2008 administered by the National Consumer Commission.

5. Who is excluded from eligibility to conduct lotteries?

Private individuals and profit-making organisations are not eligible to conduct society, private and lotteries incidental to exempt entertainment.

6. Where can I obtain more information on lotteries?

Information is available on the following documentation on the NLC website, www.nlcsa.org.za :

- Lotteries Act 57 of 1997, as amended
- Private Lotteries Regulations (No.R.414)
- Lotteries Incidental to Exempt Entertainment Regulations (No.R.413)
- Society Lottery Regulations (No.R.415)
- Consumer Protection Act and its regulations

For more information, please contact the Compliance Division of the **National Lotteries Commission** at **012 432 1300** OR via email at: **compenforce@nlcsa.org.za**