

## REMOTE GAMING



Malta's innovative and comprehensive remote gaming laws and regulations, low gambling taxes, bandwidth and hosting capabilities and low corporate taxes have enticed many gaming operators worldwide to set up their organization in Malta.

The remote gaming regulations cater for a very widely defined notion of remote gaming, focusing on the means rather than the methods of gaming, regulating the functions and procedures employed by the operator to carry out the remote gaming. Any remote game which can be securely managed under the Regulations will be considered by the Lotteries Gaming Authority (LGA) for licensing.

The licences are categorised into four classes and are modeled on the nature of the operation:

*- The Class 1 Remote Gaming*

License is a remote gaming license for operators which manage their

own risk on games of chance with repetitive events such as casino, games, slots and lotteries.

*- The Class 2 Remote Gaming*

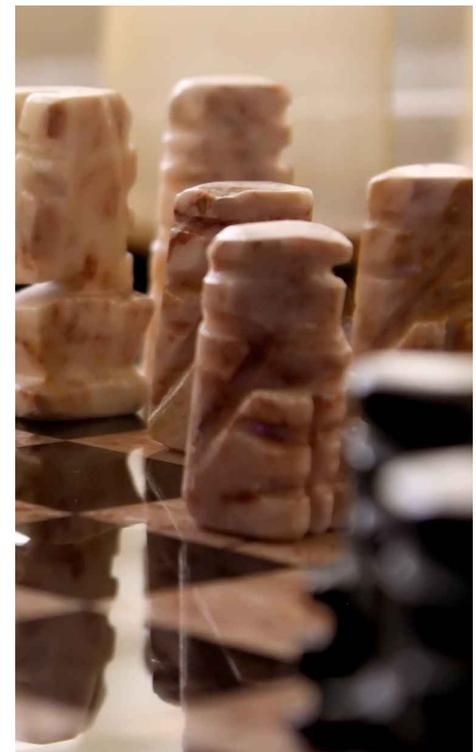
License is a remote betting office license or an online betting exchange office license and is granted to operators which manage their risk on a singular spread and offer games based which are non repetitive and have a singular outcome for a particular event or group of events e.g. sports betting, fixed odds betting, pool betting, spread betting and any other form of betting.

*- The Class 3 Remote Gaming*

License is for operators which promote or abet gaming from Malta which are not involved in the risk but which take a commission, for example, betting exchanges, multi-jurisdictional poker, skins, P2P and game portals.

*- The Class 4 Remote Gaming*

License is a license to host and



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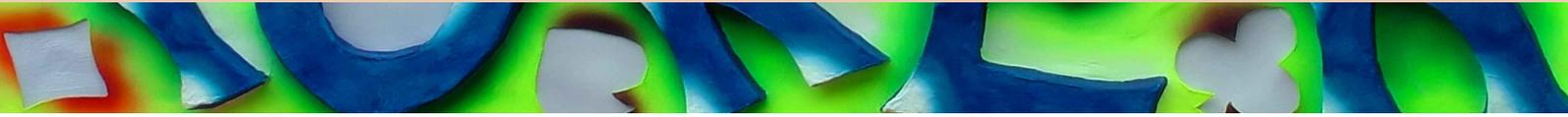
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manage remote gaming operators, excluding the licensee itself. This license would be for software vendors or for platform operators which do not partake in the risk undertaken by the multiple operators which they host.

The application process to obtain a remote gaming licence is presently divided into three stages. In the first stage the Authority analyses all information related to persons involved in the financing and management of the applicant as well as the business viability of the operation also carrying out a financial analysis of the detailed business plan to be submitted by the applicant. Following completion of the first stage, the applicant is examined on the instruments required to conduct the business. The third stage is a compliance audit exercise relative to the equipment to be installed, location of equipment, agreements with third

parties, and software partners.

The gaming tax which a licensee must pay to the Gaming Authority on behalf of the government is differentiated according to the type of betting/gaming operation as follows:-

*Class 1:* Euro 7000 per month, reduced to Euro 4,700 per month for the first six months

*Class 1 under Class 4:* Euro 1200 per month

*Class 2:* 0.5% on the gross amount of stakes accepted

*Class 3:* 5% on the net income

*Class 4:* Euro 4,660 per month [Nil for the first six months and reduced to Euro 2,330 per month for the subsequent six months]

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DF Group offers a professional and comprehensive service, advising and assisting investors and organisations in the setting up and

relocation of their gaming operations in conformity with the requirements of the Maltese gaming laws and regulations.

## *Our services include:*

- Company formation, incorporation and maintenance;
- Advice and assistance throughout the three phases of the application process;
- Legal and regulatory consultation;
- Compliance assistance (including data protection compliance and anti-money laundering compliance);
- Guidance on fiscal issues;
- Links through our network of service providers, to software and telecommunication infrastructure providers, accounting and auditing firms, and other support service providers.

*"This document has been prepared by DF Group to provide an overview of remote gaming licences and their taxation in Malta. This document however does not cover the subject matter exhaustively and furthermore does not constitute and should not be construed as legal advice. It is recommended that 'ad hoc' advice is sought prior to taking any action or decision in reliance upon the information contained in this document."*