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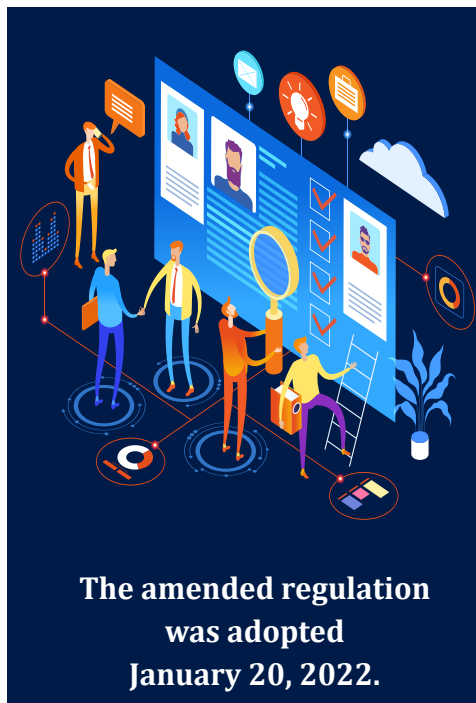


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Recent Changes to Nevada Commission Regulations Governing Wagering Accounts

Nevada Gaming Commission Regulation 5.225 governs wagering accounts. Recent changes allow patron identification to be submitted remotely for wagering accounts. The changes exclude sports betting accounts opened pursuant to Regulation 22.140(6), so they do not allow full remote registration for all types of wagering accounts, but will allow remote registration for accounts used to purchase chips or transfer credits to gaming devices in casinos. Regulations governing Internet poker already allow remote registration.



**The amended regulation
was adopted
January 20, 2022.**

The prior regulation required a player to appear on the premises to show identification to an employee of the casino before the wagering account could be used to place wagers, purchase chips or transfer funds to a gaming device at the casino. The new regulation allows, as an alternative, electronic submission of the patron's identification and a second method of verifying the patron's identity, which allows the casino to "form a reasonable belief that it knows the true identity of the patron." The regulation specifically mentions dynamic knowledge-based authentication as one such method, but also allows any other method administratively approved by the Nevada Gaming Control Board (which will typically occur when the cashless wagering system is approved).



Change of Nevada Restricted Gaming Application Forms for Individuals

On January 26, 2022, the Applicant Services section of the Nevada Gaming Control Board's (the "Board") Investigations Division, announced that the Board has recently changed the forms required for individuals for all restricted gaming license applications. This includes all applications for a restricted gaming license, for approval or licensure to participate in restricted gaming revenue, and for licensure as an officer, director, key employee, or similar position in connection with a restricted gaming operation. Previously, individuals seeking licensure in connection with a restricted gaming operation were required to complete and file a Form 4, Personal History Record, and in most cases, a Form 5, Personal Financial Questionnaire.

Starting on February 28, 2022, all individuals seeking licensure in connection with a restricted gaming operation will be instead required to complete and file a Form 7, Multi-Jurisdictional Personal History Disclosure Form, and a Form 7A, Nevada Supplemental Personal History Disclosure Form, just like individuals seeking findings of suitability or licensure in connection with nonrestricted gaming operations have been required to complete and file. The applicable "Instructions" forms available on the Board's website have been revised and so updated. (See [here](#)) The Board has advised that restricted gaming applications filed on or after February 28, 2022, without the Forms 7 and 7A where required, will be considered to be incomplete and will not be processed by the Board until all of these new requirements are fulfilled.

All other application forms required to be filed by individuals in connection with restricted gaming operations remain the same as before. If you have any questions concerning these new restricted gaming application forms requirements, you are invited to contact Amy Morton, Applicant Services, Nevada Gaming Control Board, in Carson City at (775) 684-7816, or by e-mail at amorton@gcb.nv.gov. ■

- ***Nevada Gaming Lawyer Magazine:***
If you are interested in submitting an article for consideration, draft articles are due no later than June 30th. If you are interested in placing ad in the magazine, the due date is July 15th (color, full bleed, pdf format in 300 dpi or higher resolution). Guidelines for articles and pricing for ads are available by contacting Robert Horne, Communication Manager for the State Bar of Nevada (rhorne@nvbar.org). Digital versions of past issues (2007-2020) are available at <https://www.nvbar.org/content/gaming-law-section/>.
- ***2022 Gaming Law Conference:***
This year's conference is tentatively scheduled for Friday, November 18th at the Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa. Online registration coming soon at www.nvbar.org/liveseminars and discounts are available for Gaming Law Section members.
- ***Gaming Employee Registration Pro Bono Program***
If you are interested in being included on the list of attorneys willing to accept a case from one of the legal aid centers in-state to assist an indigent individual exercising their appeal rights to be registered as a gaming employee, please contact Robert Horne, Communications Manager for the State Bar of Nevada. There is a brochure on the Gaming Law Section's webpage (listed above) providing an overview of what to expect during representation.



JACKPOT PAYOUT

On Friday, February 14, 2022, the Nevada Gaming Control Board (“Board”) announced that, after an extensive investigation, it had identified a patron of the Treasure Island Hotel & Casino as the winner of a \$229,368.52 progressive jackpot. The winner, Arizona resident, Robert Taylor, had returned home from a trip to Las Vegas not knowing that he was entitled to the jackpot due to a malfunction of the slot machine. The Board was able to identify Mr. Taylor through review of surveillance footage across multiple properties, interviews with witnesses, and information from the Nevada Transportation Authority. For details, see the [Board Release](#).

Nevada Gaming Commission Regulation 5 recognizes that the incremental amount of a progressive payoff schedule is an obligation of a licensee to its patrons. It provides for close monitoring of any devices or linked systems offering such payoffs, and limits a licensee’s ability to reduce, eliminate, or distribute the funds it holds as part of the payoff jackpot in a manner other than through a player’s winning of the progressive jackpot in accordance with the system’s approved schedule. The Board’s response confirms its continued commitment to ensuring the public’s confidence in the integrity of all gaming regulated by the State of Nevada. ■



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NEVADA GAMING CONTROL BOARD IDENTIFIES AND INFORMS PATRON OF MISSED JACKPOT

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The Nevada Gaming Control Board has secured the collection of a \$229,368.52 jackpot won by an out-of-state patron after a communications error on a progressive slot machine prevented the value of the jackpot from being known.

On the evening of January 8, 2022, casino patron Robert Taylor, a resident of Arizona, appeared to hit a jackpot on a progressive slot machine at Treasure Island Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. However, due to a communications error that occurred, the slot machine experienced a malfunction that prevented Mr. Taylor and casino personnel from realizing that a progressive jackpot had been won. By the time an extensive review of the slot machine and the communications technology was completed, confirming the jackpot had been won, Mr. Taylor had returned home to Arizona.

Immediately after confirmation that the patron had won the jackpot, multiple attempts to identify the patron by the casino were unsuccessful. At that point, the Board initiated an extensive investigation, conducted by multiple agents of the Board's Enforcement Division, to obtain the identity of the patron. The investigation included the review of multiple hours of surveillance footage across multiple gaming properties, numerous witness interviews, a study of electronic purchase records, and the analysis of rideshare data obtained from the Nevada Transportation Authority and a rideshare company. The exhaustive investigation resulted in successfully identifying the patron as Robert Taylor.

"The Nevada Gaming Control Board is charged with the strict regulation of the gaming industry, the protection of the gaming public, and ensuring that the industry benefits the State of Nevada. I commend the agents of the Enforcement Division, particularly Agent Dan Nuqui, for ensuring that the public trust in the gaming industry remains strong by spending countless hours over two weeks to ensure that a patron is awarded winnings owed to him," said James Taylor, Chief of the Board's Enforcement Division. "I'd also like to thank the Nevada Transportation Authority for their assistance in confirming the identity of the patron. This has been a great example of government working together for the benefit of the public."

On January 28, 2022, at approximately 1230 hours, Robert Taylor was officially notified of his \$229,368.52 jackpot. Mr. Taylor will collect his winnings at Treasure Island Hotel & Casino this weekend.

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The Nevada Gaming Control Board governs Nevada's gaming industry through strict regulation of all persons, locations, practices, associations and related activities. The Board protects the integrity and stability of the industry through its investigative and licensing practices, and enforces laws and regulations, while holding gaming licensees to high standards. Through these practices, the Board is able to ensure the proper collection of taxes and fees that are an essential source of revenue for Nevada.