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## No. S 142

### PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS ACT 1958

#### PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS (DEMERIT POINTS) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2024

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 15 and 33(1) of the Public Entertainments Act 1958, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Rules:

#### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules are the Public Entertainments (Demerit Points) (Amendment) Rules 2024 and come into operation on 1 March 2024.

#### **Amendment of rule 2**

2. In the Public Entertainments (Demerit Points) Rules 2017 (G.N. No. S 434/2017), in rule 2 —

(a) before the definition of “current demerit points”, insert —

““credit” includes any form of financial accommodation;”;

(b) after the definition of “Licensing Officer”, insert —

““merchant voucher”, means any voucher (including any virtual voucher such as a QR code) that, on the redemption of the voucher and the fulfilment of the conditions specified in the voucher, entitles the holder of the voucher to —

(a) receive, free of charge, the goods and services specified by the voucher; or

(b) pay a reduced price for, or receive a rebate upon purchasing, the goods and services specified by the voucher;

“money equivalent” has the meaning given by section 14 of the Gambling Control Act 2022, except that a reference to “any gambling” in that section is to be read as a reference to “any public entertainment”; and

(c) after the definition of “probation period”, insert —

““restricted prize” means a prize that —

(a) has a value of \$100 or more; or

(b) is or includes money, a money equivalent, the provision of credit, or a merchant voucher;”.

### **Amendment of Second Schedule**

**3.** In the Public Entertainments (Demerit Points) Rules 2017, in the Second Schedule —

(a) in Part 4, in Division 2, after paragraph 6, insert —

“7. The licensee must not —

(a) give, or offer, a restricted prize (other than a token that may be exchanged with the licensee for a good that is not a restricted prize) to a person for playing, or winning, a game in the licensed premises; or

(b) exchange, or offer to exchange, a restricted prize for a prize, or token, given to a person for playing, or winning, a game in the licensed premises.”;

(b) in Part 7, in Division 2, renumber the paragraph as paragraph 1; and

(c) in Part 7, in Division 2, after paragraph 1, insert —

“2. The licensee must not —

(a) give, or offer, a restricted prize (other than a token that may be exchanged with the licensee for a good that is not a restricted prize) to a person for playing, or winning, at a machine in the licensed premises; or

(b) exchange, or offer to exchange, a restricted prize for a prize, or token, given to a person for playing, or winning, at a machine in the licensed premises.”.

*[G.N. No. S 567/2023]*

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(To be presented to Parliament under section 33(3) of the Public Entertainments Act 1958).