

Approved statements on gaming machines

What has changed?

Return to player signage is no longer required to be displayed on gaming machines following changes to the *Gaming Machine Act 2004*. Instead, an *approved statement* must be displayed on gaming machines from 1 November 2016.

The Minister for Racing and Gaming has authorised an *approved statement* that must be clearly displayed on each gaming machine. You can view the *approved statements* on the [ACT Legislation Register](#).

What does it mean for me?

You need to remove existing return to player percentage signage from all of your gaming machines and instead display one or both of the approved statements, which are:

- *Have you spent more than you can afford?; or*
- *Set your limit. Play within it.*

The statement must be displayed in a prominent position on each machine, with the following requirements:

- dimensions of 110mm x 25mm or 70mm x 40mm; and
- a minimum upper case font size of 20 points.

You still need to display the warning notices prescribed by the Commission, on each machine and at each entrance to the gaming area.

You need to replace the return to player signage and have the new approved statements in place on all machines from 1 November 2016.

Frequently asked questions

Can I put the same message on all the machines in my venue?

No. You'll need to display a mix of the two messages, as equally as possible across all gaming machines in the gaming area. You only need one message per machine, though.

Does the percentage payout requirement still exist?

Yes. Percentage payout requirements still remain a condition of your licence. You will not be able to operate a gaming machine if the percentage payout isn't the same as that on the authorisation schedule for the machine, and the minimum percentage payout of a gaming machine remains 87 per cent.

Will I be penalised if I do not remove the Return to Player signage?

No. There is no penalty for continuing to display the return to player signage, but you no longer need to display it. Just make sure your gaming machines are displaying an *approved statement* by 1 November 2016.

References

[Gaming Machine Act 2004](#)

Operation subject to correct percentage payout – s47

Approved statement to be displayed – s48

Approval of statement for display on gaming machines – s126

Warning notices – s151

[Gaming Machine Regulation 2004](#)

Minimum payout of gaming machine – Act, s 178(2)(b)

[Gaming Machine \(Warning Notices\) Determination 2004 - Disallowable instrument DI2004-184](#)

[Gaming Machine \(Statement on Gaming Machines\) Approval 2016 \(No 1\) - Notifiable Instrument NI2016-467](#)