

Computer Cabinet Access Registers

What is a Computer Cabinet Access Register?

A Computer Cabinet Access Register (CCAR) is a way to monitor who has been accessing the computer cabinet of a poker machine and for what purpose.

The Computer Cabinet is a small cabinet inside the machine where the game software can be accessed. This cabinet is sealed with a breakable plastic seal that contains a unique number. Every time the computer cabinet is accessed, the seal is broken and is required to be replaced with a new seal with a unique number. A Computer Cabinet can only be accessed by an approved supplier, an approved technician or authorised officer.

Every time the Computer Cabinet is accessed the person must enter the following details in the CCAR:

- information that clearly identifies the machine, including the machine's serial number;
- the date when the computer cabinet was opened or replaced;
- a description of why the computer cabinet was opened or replaced;
- the new computer cabinet seal number that was applied;
- if the person who opens the computer cabinet is an approved supplier, approved technician or authorised officer - the person's name and signature; and
- the licensee's name and signature.

Why do I need to maintain a CCAR?

The computer cabinet is the integral piece of machinery that operates the poker machine's program. The CCAR is aimed at minimising the risk of criminal behaviour by tampering with the program and the possible impacts on payouts to patrons.

It is the Licensees responsibility to ensure that the computer cabinet is only accessed by an approved supplier, an approved technician or an authorised officer.

When do I need to fill out the CCAR?

Unlike the old Machine Access Registers there is no need to complete the CCAR every time the machine is opened.

In general, the computer cabinet will only need to be accessed when an approved technician is converting the poker machine, performing certain maintenance on the machine, or if an authorised officer is auditing the machine. In that case, the person accessing the machine will complete an entry in the CCAR that is then verified by the licensee.

Where can I get a CCAR form?

You can download a [Computer Cabinet Access Register](#) form from the [Forms and Fees](#) section of the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission's website, or click the following link:

http://www.gamblingandracing.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/746339/Computer-Cabinet-Access-Register.pdf

References

Computer Cabinet Access Register – s71 *Gaming Machine Act 2004*

Sealing computer cabinet – s123 *Gaming Machine Act 2004*

Machine access general – s128 *Gaming Machine Act 2004*

Interference with gaming machines – s129 *Gaming Machine Act 2004*

Opening computer cabinets – s130 *Gaming Machine Act 2004*

Approved Supplier – s72 *Gaming Machine Act 2004*

Approved Technician – s75 and s76 *Gaming Machine Act 2004*

Authorised Officer – s20 *Gambling and Racing Control Act 1999*