

Phase 2 - Increase Maximum Number of Authorisations

What has changed?

A Class C licensee can apply for an amendment of an authorisation certificate to increase the maximum number of authorisations under their authorisation certificate. This is known as an *Increase Maximum Amendment*.

This replaces the small and large scale relocation provisions with a more flexible framework that allows licensees to respond to business needs.

An increase maximum amendment is not the same as a *One-off Maximum Increase* that is available during Phase 1. For more information on the one-off maximum increase, see *Fact Sheet 005 – One-off Maximum Increase*.

What does it mean for me?

A licensee can increase an individual venue's capacity for authorisations, which means they are able to acquire authorisations through the trading scheme. The increase only applies to the licensee's capacity to hold authorisations, not gaming machines. Once a licensee has acquired authorisations, they may then source gaming machines in the open market.

How do I increase my maximum number?

An increase maximum amendment requires approval from the Commission. To apply for approval to increase the maximum number of authorisations for Class C gaming machines under an authorisation certificate, a licensee must complete an *Application – Authorisation Certificate Amendment* form and provide the relevant fee with the following supporting documents:

- A plan of the premises that is drawn to scale and clearly delineates the location, boundaries and dimensions of the proposed gaming area;
- A social impact assessment;
- An alphabetical list of names and addresses of current members of the club, certified as being correct by the club Secretary. These details may be supplied in an electronic format; and
- Copies of any membership agreements between the licensee and any other club.

The Commission will amend the certificate as requested if it is satisfied that the social impact assessment supports the increase, and that the size and layout of the premises is suitable for the operation of the number of gaming machines that would be allowed.

In deciding the proposed new maximum number the Commission will take into consideration the number of club members, the ratio of club members to the proposed new maximum number and the extent to which the club has contributed to, or is likely to contribute to, the community and supported and benefited the community.

Frequently asked questions

Is there a limit to how much I can increase my maximum number?

There is no formal limit to the maximum number of authorisations for which a licensee can apply. However, the Commission has the power to approve a lower number than that applied for. The Commission must take into account relevant factors including the social impact assessment and any submissions made on it.

If gaming machine venues are able to increase their maximum number of authorisations, how is it that the overall number of authorisations in the Territory won't be increased?

All of the authorisations for gaming machines in the ACT already exist. Increasing the maximum number does not create more authorisations; it simply allows a licensee to acquire authorisations. These authorisations must be sourced from another licensee.

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