

Categories of Gaming Machines

A gaming machine is defined as a machine which is designed or adapted for use by individuals to gamble (whether or not it can also be used for other purposes). Most gaming machines are of the reel-based type, also known as fruit, slot or jackpot machines.

Under the Gambling Act 2005, gaming machines fall into categories depending on limits on the stake laid down and prizes available.

Categories A, B, and C machines are adult only gaming machines.

Category D machines have no age restrictions.

Gaming Machine category	Maximum stake	Maximum prize
A	Unlimited	Unlimited
B1	£2	£4,000
B2	£100 (in multiples of £10)	£500
B3	£1	£500
B3A*	£1	£500
B4	£1	£250
C	£1	£70
D – non money prize (other than a crane grab machine)	30p	£8
D – non money prize (crane grab machine)	£1	50p
D (money prize)	10p	£5
D – combined money and non-money prize (other than a coin pusher or penny falls machine)	10p	£8 (of which no more than £5 may be a money prize)
D – combined money and non-money prize (coin pusher or penny falls machine)	10p	£15 (of which no more than £8 may be a money prize)

*Category B3A machines can only be situated in members' clubs and some institutes with an appropriate permit.

**Category D machines with a 10p stake are entitled to offer prizes of up to £5 in cash, or up to £5 in cash and £3 in non-monetary prizes. Category D machines with a 30p stake can offer £8 in non-monetary prizes only.

Summary of Machine Provisions by Premises

Premises Type	Machine Entitlement
Regional Casino	Maximum of 1,250 Machines in categories A to D (except for B3A machines) subject to machine/table ratio
Large Casino	Maximum of 150 machines in categories B to D (except B3A machines) subject to machine/table ratio
Small Casino	Maximum of 80 machines in categories B to D (except B3A machines) subject to machine/table ratio
Betting Premises and Tracks occupied by Pool Betting	Maximum of 4 machines in categories B2 to D
Bingo Premises	Maximum of 8 machines in categories B3 to B4 except B3A machines, and unlimited number of C and D machines
Adult Gaming Centre	Maximum of 4 machines in categories B3 to B4 except B3A, and unlimited number of C and D machines
Family Entertainment Centre (With Premises Licence)	No limit on category C and D machines
Family Entertainment Centre (With Permit)	No limit on category D machines
Members Clubs and Miners welfare institutes (With permit)	Maximum of 3 machines in categories B3A or B4 to D*
Commercial Clubs (With Permit)	Maximum of 3 machines in categories B4 to D
Alcohol Licensed Premises (Automatic Entitlement)	Maximum of 2 machines in categories C to D automatic on notification
Alcohol Licensed Premises with Machine Permit	Number of category C or D machines as stated on permit
Travelling Fair	No limit on Category D machines

*It should be noted that members' clubs and miners' welfares institutes are entitled to site a total of three machines in categories B3A to D but only one B3A machine can be sited as part of this entitlement. Commercial clubs are entitled to a total of three machines in categories B4 to D.