



Independent Gambling Authority
Request for Involuntary Barring (Third Party)

Applicant personal details

Table with 2 columns: Applicant personal details. Fields include Full name, Date of birth, Residential address, Home phone, Work phone, Email address, Mobile phone, and Relationship to Gambler.

Gambler personal details

Table with 2 columns: Gambler personal details. Fields include Full name, Date of birth, Residential address, Home phone, Work phone, Email address, and Mobile phone.

Welfare concerns

Form for welfare concerns. Includes checkboxes for Gambler and Family members, and a text area for describing how affected persons may suffer harm.

Request

- 1. The Applicant requests the barring of the Gambler under Part 4 of the Independent Gambling Authority Act 1995 due to the Welfare concerns set out above from the activities/places attached.
2. I accept a responsibility to assist gambling providers and the Independent Gambling Authority in forming a view about whether barring is appropriate.

Table for signature and date. Fields include Date, Signature, Witness signature, and Witness name.

INFORMATION ABOUT THIRD PARTY BARRING

What is "barring" ?

The law in South Australia allows a gambling provider or the Independent Gambling Authority to bar a person from places where commercial gambling activities take place and from participating in those gambling activities. The places include the licensed gaming areas of hotels, clubs and the Adelaide Casino and the activities include purchasing an SA Lotteries product and betting with Ubet SA, a licensed bookmaker or an authorised interstate betting operator.

The purpose of the law is to provide a way of protecting the gambler, or the gambler's family members from harm.

The name of the law is section Part 4 of the *Independent Gambling Authority Act 1995*.

This information is just about involuntary barring initiated by a third party. However, the law also allows gamblers to request barring without having to establish harm.

How does involuntary barring work ?

Barring orders can be made by gambling providers (the licensees of the Adelaide Casino, hotels and clubs with gaming machines, Ubet SA, licensed bookmakers, licensed racing clubs and authorised interstate betting operators) and by the Independent Gambling Authority.

If a gambling provider deals with an approach for barring, it must notify the Independent Gambling Authority and the Authority must review the decision. The scheme is designed that way to ensure that all matters come to the Authority's attention, which in turn allows for people to be barred from multiple places and forms of gambling if that is appropriate.

When a third party requests barring (whether from a gambling provider or the Authority directly), the Authority will make contact with the affected gambling provider, the Gambler and the Applicant. The participation of the Applicant is essential to the process. This is because the Applicant will have, or know how to obtain, the information the Authority needs to decide whether to make continuing orders.

Quite often, the approach to the Gambler will result in the Gambler agreeing to be barred.

Sometimes, the Gambler will disagree or will decline to participate. In those cases, the Authority will call a hearing, and may require the Gambler and others to attend the hearing by summons. Again, the participation of the Applicant is essential.

To start the process, the Applicant completes a form (the 3BA form). This sets out the basis for any decision that might be made.

If an order is made, the Gambler will be photographed and notice of the order will be given to the relevant gambling providers.

How long am I barred for?

Orders can be made for up to 3 years, and can only be varied by application to the Authority.

Why would an order be refused?

Because it is an offence to breach a barring order, orders will only be made involuntarily (that is, against the Gambler's will) if the Authority is satisfied not only about harm but also that this is appropriate in all the circumstances.

Will my personal details and barring orders be kept confidential?

Personal details are kept confidential by both the Authority and each of the relevant gambling providers. However, if the Authority is notified of a breach, the Authority may provide information about barring and breaching, including details that identify you, to the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner, to police and to gambling providers and their organisations, to the extent necessary for the orderly management of the barring scheme.

More information

Visit the Independent Gambling Authority at Level 4, 45 Grenfell Street, Adelaide, telephone on 8226 7233, fax to 8226 7247 or view the website at www.iga.sa.gov.au.