



Independent Gambling Authority Request for Voluntary Barring

Applicant personal details

Full name	Date of birth
Residential address (include postcode)	Home phone
	Work phone
Email address	Mobile phone

Venues

Advise of locations from which barred? (tick ✓) Yes | No

Premises or provider name	Gaming	Betting	Lottery	Other

Request and acknowledgment

- I request the Independent Gambling Authority to make orders, under Part 4 of the *Independent Gambling Authority Act 1995* barring me—
 - from entering or remaining in a gaming area identified by a mark in the gaming column; and
 - from taking part in a gambling activity (other than gaming) at a place or with a person identified by a mark against that place or person in a column other than the gaming column—
 on this form and on any accompanying addendum page.
- I declare that I am the person named above and that I make this request of my own free will.
- I acknowledge that—
 - it is an offence to contravene or fail to comply with a barring order—maximum penalty: \$2500;
 - an authorised person may require me to leave a place from which I am barred, including by the use of force.
- I acknowledge that, if a barring order is made—
 - the barring order must stay in force for a minimum period of up to 6 months; and
 - the making of the barring order does not guarantee that I will be prevented from gambling.

Date	Witness signature
Signature	
	Witness name

INFORMATION ABOUT VOLUNTARY BARRING

What is "barring" ?

The law in South Australia allows a person to ask to be "barred" 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 SA TAB, a licensed bookmaker or an authorised interstate betting operator.

The purpose of the law is to give people a way of saying to themselves "I want to stop myself from gambling". If you are barred, you will commit an offence if you breach your barring.

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

This information is just about voluntary barring. However, the law also allows friends, family and others to intervene by asking for an involuntary barring. That is not discussed in this information.

How does voluntary barring work ?

You need to have an interview with an officer of the Authority. This might be an interview you, your counsellor or someone else has arranged. It might also be arranged because you have asked a gambling provider to bar you.

The interview is usually done "in person", but people in remote areas can arrange to do it by telephone or videolink.

If you think you should be barred and want to go ahead, you need to complete a form (the VBA form). The form will usually be given to you at the interview.

After the interview, if you confirm that you still wish to be barred, your photograph will be taken. This picture will be included in the barring order to enable staff to recognise you if you try to enter a place, or try to purchase a gambling product, from which you are barred.

After your photograph is taken, your request and the interview report will be considered by a decision maker who is a delegate of the Authority. A decision will not be made until after a three-day "cooling off" period. You will receive a letter advising of the decision and, if your request is granted, a notice will be sent to all the places to which the barring applies. (A separate order is made for each gambling type at each location and a separate notice goes out.)

Why is there a three day "cooling off" period ?

It is very important that you are absolutely sure that you want to be barred, because the law requires a minimum period to be attached to your barring orders. The usual minimum period is 6 months. So, the Authority gives you a short time after your interview to think about it and change your mind.

It is also important for you to be sure because, if you are caught breaching an order, you can be prosecuted for a crime. You can also be forcibly removed from a place from which you are barred.

How long am I barred for?

You are barred for a minimum period (usually 6 months) during which your orders cannot be revoked. After this you can ask for your orders to be revoked. Otherwise, barring orders will run until their 3 year expiry date. You will be invited in for a review interview and to have a new photograph taken a few months before the orders expire. (If you add orders to your barrings later on, they will have the same expiry date as your first orders.)

Why would an order be refused?

Your request might be refused if the decision maker was not satisfied that you would benefit from it—for instance, if you did not have a relationship with the venue concerned or if it was not clear that you would not breach the order. If you are unhappy with a refusal, you can ask for the decision to be reviewed by a different decision maker.

Will my personal details and barring orders be kept confidential?

Your details are to be kept confidential by both the Authority and each of the gambling providers covered by your barrings. However, if the Authority is notified that you have breached a barring order, the Authority may provide information about your 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.