

PGC Eligibility Guidance - Contests

Prior to the commencement of Internet gaming operations in 2013, the Division of Gaming Enforcement (Division) provided guidelines to casino licensees and online operators regarding the specific requirements that must be met in order for an Internet gaming bonus program to qualify as a Promotional Gaming Credit (PGC). Those guidelines have not changed, can be found here: <https://www.nj.gov/oag/ge/docs/Opinions/2013PGCGuidance.pdf>.

This correspondence solely addresses a more recent question regarding bonuses paid to Internet gaming contest winners and their eligibility for deduction as a PGC. For contest bonuses that are offered and funded by the casino licensee or online operator, those bonuses will be eligible for a PGC deduction provided that: (1) the contest winner receives a non-cashable bonus with a 1x wagering requirement, (2) the bonus is wagered on PGC eligible games, and (3) all other requirements in the original 2013 guidelines are met. For example, if a casino licensee or Internet gaming operator gives customers one entry for every \$50 wagered on the site to win a \$10,000 drawing, the casino licensee would be eligible for a PGC deduction if all of the preceding criteria are met.

For contest bonuses that are funded or reimbursed by a third party, and thus, not funded by the casino licensee or online operator, those bonuses will not be eligible for a PGC deduction, as they do not meet the statutory criteria of being “issued by a licensee to a patron.”