



## **Gambling Commission issues reminder about need for gambling software licences wef 31 March 2015**

The Gambling Commission has posted on its website a reminder that gambling software providers across the globe must apply to the Gambling Commission for a gambling software operating licence if the businesses they supply are themselves licensed by the Commission.

As previously reported by us, this is because, from 31 March 2015, Commission licensed operators are required to only source gambling software from Commission licensed software businesses.

We endorse the Commission's advice that, particularly taking into account how long the licence application process can take, such software providers should apply for the relevant licence at the earliest opportunity to avoid potential disruption to their and their customers' businesses.

A Commission spokesperson is quoted as saying: *"Licence applications normally take six weeks to process but can take longer if the application is incomplete or the Commission needs to investigate further. We are therefore advising software providers who need a licence to make their applications as soon as possible and preferably before 31 December 2014"*.

"Gambling software" is defined in the Gambling Act 2005 as computer software that is used in connection with remote gambling but it does not include anything for use solely in connection with a gaming machine. An operator requires a gambling software licence if it manufactures, supplies, installs or adapts gambling software that is used in connection with remote gambling.

Before it is too late, please contact us if you need information on whether you or your supplier needs such a licence.

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