

1 Title 36 STATE LOTTERY AND  
2 GAMING CONTROL AGENCY

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4 Subtitle 03 GAMING PROVISIONS

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6 Chapter .10 Video Lottery Facility Minimum Internal Control Standards

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8 Authority: State Government Article, §§ 9-1A-04(d), 9-1A-24(f), Annotated Code of  
9 Maryland

10 **.20 Checks Accepted from a Player.**

11 A. A facility operator may accept a negotiable instrument in the form of a check meeting the  
12 requirements of this regulation from a player to enable the player to take part in gaming.

13 B. A facility operator may accept a check only during the hours of operation approved by the  
14 Commission for the facility under COMAR 36.03.11.02.

15 C. A facility operator may accept a personal check that is:

16 (1) Made payable to the facility operator;

17 (2) Drawn on a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union subject to federal or  
18 State banking regulation;

19 (3) Drawn for a specific amount;

20 (4) Currently dated, not postdated; and

21 (5) Payable on demand.

22 D. Subject to the requirements of §§E **and J** of this regulation, a facility operator may accept a  
23 check issued by a:

24 (1) Facility operator; and

25 (2) Person that:

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- 1 (a) Is an affiliate of the facility operator; and
- 2 (b) Holds a valid gaming license in another jurisdiction.

3 E. A facility operator shall only accept a check under §D of this regulation which has been issued  
4 to an individual as:

- 5 (1) Employment compensation; or
- 6 (2) A payout in connection with gaming activity.

7 F. A facility operator may not:

8 (1) Except as provided under §C of this regulation, accept a check that is payable to an  
9 individual, including:

- 10 (a) A Social Security check;
- 11 (b) An unemployment insurance check;
- 12 (c) A disability payment check; or
- 13 (d) A public assistance check; or

14 (2) Except for a check issued under §§E and J of this regulation, accept from a player  
15 under this regulation a check or multiple checks which in the aggregate exceed ~~\$10,000~~  
16 15,000 during a gaming day.

17 G. For a personal check equaling or exceeding \$5,000, a facility operator shall confirm the  
18 availability of funds by:

- 19 (1) Directly contacting the bank, savings and loan association, or credit union upon  
20 which the check is drawn;
- 21 (2) Obtaining an authorization and guarantee of the check from a check verification and  
22 warranty service licensed as a contractor under COMAR 36.03.02.14; or

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1 (3) Alternate procedures addressing acceptance and verification of personal checks  
2 submitted in writing and approved by the Commission.

3 H. A facility operator shall develop and include in the internal controls submitted to and  
4 approved by the Commission under Regulation .05 of this chapter, procedures addressing the  
5 acceptance and verification of checks meeting the requirements of this regulation.

6 I. A facility operator's internal controls shall require a check accepted from a player by a general  
7 cashier to be:

8 (1) If a personal check other than an electronic check, restrictively endorsed "for deposit  
9 only" to the bank account designated for this purpose by the facility operator and:

10 (a) Initialed by the accepting general cashier;

11 (b) Date and time stamped;

12 (c) Documented on the face of the check the number on the player's government-  
13 issued photographic identification; and

14 (d) If a personal check equaling or exceeding \$5,000, confirmed for availability of  
15 funds under §G of this regulation;

16 (2) Verified for signature authenticity by a general cashier who shall:

17 (a) Obtain from the player one form of identification that is a valid, unexpired  
18 government-issued photographic identification; and

19 (b) Satisfactorily compare the:

20 (i) Signature of the player on the personal check or endorsing the payroll or  
21 payout check with the signature on an identification credential; and

22 (ii) Player's physical appearance with the photograph contained on the valid,  
23 unexpired government-issued photographic identification presented by the  
24 player;

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1 (3) If presented by a player as a payroll or payout check under §E of this regulation,  
2 confirmed to have been issued as employment compensation or as a payout in connection  
3 with gaming activity; and

4 (4) Immediately exchanged for:

5 (a) Cash;

6 (b) If the facility operator has the capability, a gaming ticket;

7 (c) A chip or plaque; or

8 (d) A customer deposit account in accordance with this chapter.

9 **J. A facility operator that is a designated Agency customer resource center may accept an**  
10 **Agency check for Lottery prize winnings for up to \$25,000.00 under COMAR 36.02.06.01.**

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