

## **Gambling Act 2005: Section 34(1)(a) Permits Guidance (e.g. AWP's in Chip Shops, Taxi Offices etc)**

Under Section 34 of the Gaming Act 1968, non-gambling premises like chip shops and taxi offices were able to apply for permits for gaming machines. This permission has been removed. Any further applications for the grant or renewal of such permits, was prevented after 1 August 2006. Existing permits will continue to have effect after 1 September 2007 until the date on which they are due to expire, or 31 July 2009, whichever is the earlier date. It will not be possible to renew such permits when they expire.

### **How will my Section 34 permit be treated after 1 September 2007?**

Where a permit continues to have effect on and after 1 September 2007, it will be treated for the purposes of the 2005 Act in the same way as an FEC gaming machine permit. This means that the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 10 of the new Act, including those relating to the lapse and forfeiture of permits, will apply to these Section 34 permits.