

PUBLIC NOTICE

Directives to Gambling Operators and Interested Parties

Pursuant to the **Prime Minister's Order N° 028/03 of 28/06/2024**, and in alignment with the 2024 Gambling Policy, the Rwanda Development Board (RDB), as regulator of the gambling sector, hereby issues the following directives to all current licensed operators and potential entrants to ensure a responsible, transparent, and well-regulated gambling industry that protects communities while attracting credible investment.

1 Update on the Development of a New Legal Framework

In alignment with the 2024 Gambling Policy and its core guiding principle of minimizing negative socioeconomic harm, RDB is undertaking a thorough review and redesign of the legal and regulatory framework. The aim is to establish a modern and responsible gambling ecosystem, aligned with international best practices and Rwanda's strategic vision. Until the new legal instruments are enacted, the sector shall continue to be governed by the existing legal framework:

- **Law n°58/2011 of 31/12/2011** governing gaming activities in Rwanda; and
- **Ministerial Order n°01/013 of 20/06/2013** determining licensing procedures and fees; and
- **Ministerial Order n°001/MINICOM/2023 of 31/03/2023** determining administrative sanctions applicable to gaming operators.

2 Resumption of annual license fee collection

All currently licensed operators with valid licenses are hereby informed that the collection of annual license fees has resumed. This process will be conducted in accordance with Ministerial Order n°01/013 of 20/06/2013. Operators will be contacted directly by RDB with detailed payment instructions and timelines. Timely compliance is expected to ensure uninterrupted operations.

3 Resumption of Licensing and Acceptance of Expressions of Interest (EOIs)

RDB hereby announces the resumption of licensing for land-based casinos. This decision is in line with the provisions of the 2024 Gambling Policy and seeks to attract credible and strategic investment into the sector. Interested parties are invited to submit a formal application by email to NLGC@rdb.rw to initiate the licensing process. Application guidelines and forms will be shared upon request.

In addition, RDB is now accepting Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for the following gambling categories:

- **Sports betting (land-based)**
- **Sports betting (online)**
- **Casino (online)**

EOIs must be submitted to NLGC@rdb.rw by **30 September 2025**, with the subject line: Expression of Interest – [Category]. Submissions should briefly describe the applicant's profile, area of interest, and proposed investment. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for further engagement.

RDB looks forward to collaborating with all stakeholders to ensure compliance with these directives and to build a responsible gambling sector that contributes positively to Rwanda's development.

For further inquiries or submissions, please reach out to us at NLGC@rdb.rw.