



**PALMERSTON NORTH CITY**

**TAB VENUE POLICY**

**2023**

## INTRODUCTION

The Racing Industry Act 2020 requires the TAB NZ to gain consent from the relevant Council if it proposes to establish a TAB venue. Territorial authorities must adopt a TAB venue policy for TAB venues operated by TAB NZ. The policy must specify whether or not new TAB venues may be established in their district, and where they may be located.

The policy is limited to TAB venues. It does not cover TAB terminals in privately owned premises such as hotels, taverns or clubs.

### 1. OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY

- To ensure Palmerston North City Council and the community has influence over the location of new TAB venues.
- To have regard to the social impact of gambling within Palmerston North, and to minimise the harm to our communities caused by problem gambling.

### 2. TAB VENUES MAY BE ESTABLISHED

TAB venues may be established where:

#### 2.1 The primary activity of the proposed venue is:

- For the operation of a TAB venue; **AND**
- Is not associated with family or children's activities; **AND**

#### 2.2 The proposed venue is within the Palmerston North District Plan zones:

- **Inner Business Zone; OR**
- **Outer Business Zone, or Airport Zone but** subject to being no closer than 200 metres to any entrance to a school, early childhood centre, kindergarten, after school care facility or other community facility<sup>1</sup>.

### 3. APPLICATION DETAILS REQUIRED

Applications for Palmerston North City Council consent must be made on the approved form and must provide:

- The name and contact details of the applicant
- The street address of premises proposed for the TAB venue licence
- The names of management staff
- Evidence of the primary purpose of the venue
- A site plan covering both gambling and other activities proposed for the venue, including details of each floor of the venue; and
- A declaration that the purpose of the premises is not to provide family or children's activities.

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<sup>1</sup> The 200 metre distance is measured from the edge of the building that houses the TAB and measured in a straight line in all directions.

#### 4. NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

Palmerston North City Council must issue a decision to the applicant within 30 working days after receipt of application.

Applications will be dealt with, and decisions made, by the Authorised Council Officer. Applicants will be notified of all reasons concerning decisions.

#### 5. RIGHT OF APPEAL

An applicant may appeal a decision made under this policy. Appeals will be considered by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Customer Officer.

Appeal fee \$120 (subject to change).

#### 6. APPLICATION FEES

The Palmerston North City Council will set application fees from time to time, pursuant to section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002. They are set by the Long Term Plan (LTP) and will be notified accordingly. They shall include consideration of the cost of processing the application, including any consultation involved.

#### 7. DEFINITIONS

**Authorised Council Officer:** shall be the Environmental Health Officer or other authorised officer.

**Family:** Any group that can be identified as a family and that includes persons below the age of 18.

**Family Activities:** Activities which have a target market which includes family(ies). This includes but is not limited to restaurants where the primary activity is dining, retail shops, and areas where there are games or entertainments whose target market may include under-18 year old persons.

**Location:** Building premises under one ownership structure with customer internal access between various parts of the building.

**Premises:** Building in which a venue is located.

**Primary Activity:** The activities primarily associated with and promoted by the venue.

**School/early childhood centre:** As defined in sections 2 and 308 of the Education Act 1989 respectively.

**Zone:** An area of the district, defined as a zone in the Palmerston North City District Plan.