

## OBTAINING A RAFFLE LICENSE

According to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), a raffle is a lottery event in which prizes are awarded based on a random draw of tickets purchased by players. Only licensed charitable or religious organizations can conduct raffles.

If the following three elements are present, a raffle license is required:

- Tickets are sold (consideration)
- Random chance to win (chance)
- Prizes are awarded (prize)

Some common examples of raffles requiring a license are:

- 50/50 draw
- Prize draw
- Football squares

If any of the three required elements (consideration, chance and prize) are not present, the contest or draw may not require a license. For example, the following do not require a raffle license because skill is involved, rather than a random chance to win:

- Silent auction
- Jelly bean counting contest
- Hole-in-one putting contest

Please note that the AGCO requires that all raffle tickets must be collected at the event and kept by the event organizer for two years after the event.

If running a digital + print lottery/raffle apply to AGCO.

If running a printed lottery/raffle you can apply for a lottery license through your municipalities.

To request a raffle license, please contact the AGCO  
by phone at 1-800-522-2876  
by email at [customer.service@agco.ca](mailto:customer.service@agco.ca)  
or online at [www.agco.ca](http://www.agco.ca).