

Frequently asked questions: Community benefits statements

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Important information about lodging a community benefit statement

A gaming venue with a club or racing club licence that receives gaming machine revenue in a financial year must lodge an audited Community Benefit Statement (CBS) with the Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission (VGCCC) by the following 30 September. Please note that the VGCCC cannot give an extension of time to lodge a CBS after the due date.

Claims for the CBS need to comply with the Ministerial Order made on 22 June 2012 which can be found on the VGCCC website at [Community benefits statements | vgccc.vic.gov.au](https://vgccc.vic.gov.au/Community-benefits-statements).

Club and racing clubs are able to show how gaming proceeds help contribute to their wider local communities through the CBS. Clubs must show that they gave the equivalent of at least 8⅓% of the venue's gaming revenue to approved community purposes or activities.

A club may include contributions to the community from revenue other than gaming. If an audited CBS shows that a venue gave less than the required community benefit contribution, the club must pay an amount equal to the difference between the required 8⅓% community benefit contributions and the benefit stated in the statement.

Clubs that do not lodge an audited CBS by the deadline of 30 September will be taxed at the higher pub venue rate until the audited CBS is lodged. The VGCCC can also take disciplinary action against a club for not complying with the *Gambling Regulation Act 2003* (the Act).

Clubs should collect and record the information they need to complete the CBS so that together with their

auditors they can ensure the validity and accuracy of the benefits they claim to have provided. Although names of beneficiaries are not required, it would be beneficial if clubs provided a description of the type of community purpose or activity claimed.

Clubs provide a wide range of community benefits. If you are uncertain what you can claim in the CBS as a benefit you can:

Email: contact@vgccc.vic.gov.au

Phone: 1300 599 759