## Frequently asked questions: Voluntary surrender scheme for unused club gaming machine entitlements

**Why has this surrender scheme been created?**

The Victorian Government has created a scheme to allow clubs and RSLs to surrender entitlements that can’t be utilised, where debts related to surrendered entitlements will be forgiven.

Please refer to the [Minister’s media release](https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/supporting-rsls-surrender-gaming-machines) on the surrender scheme for further information.

**Do I have to surrender entitlements I hold that are eligible under the scheme?**

No, you don’t have to surrender the entitlements if you don’t wish to. This is a**voluntary** scheme to allow club venue operators to surrender eligible entitlements. Whether you should surrender eligible entitlements is a business decision you will need to make yourself.

**How do I know whether I hold entitlements that are eligible to be surrendered?**

We have written directly to venue operators who hold entitlements eligible for surrender. If you haven’t received correspondence directly from us about the scheme, it’s unlikely you hold entitlements eligible for surrender. If you think you may hold eligible entitlements and have not been contacted, please call us on 1300 599 759 or email contact@vgccc.vic.gov.au

**What happens to surrendered entitlements?**

Surrendered entitlements are taken to be unallocated and the geographic area condition imposed on them is removed.

Decisions regarding what happens to the surrendered entitlements will be made by the Minister once the scheme has ended.