



20th November 2006.

Dear Colleagues,

Gambling Commission – Licence Fees and Application Forms.

It now appears that the licence fee for racecourse bookmakers will not be assessed on the same basis as for 'off-course' bookmakers (group A : £988). A recent visit to the Gambling Commission established that racecourse bookmakers will be placed into three groups according to the number of meetings they attend. It was suggested that these groups might be 1 – 100, 101 – 200, and 201+ attendances in a year. Although no figures have been decided for each group, it seems likely that the fees will be considerably less than £988.

Application forms for licences contain 38 pages at the moment. Although bookmakers will not have to complete all these pages they will, nevertheless, all have to be read. We have suggested that trial forms should be sent to the associations to establish the extent to which they can be simplified. We have also suggested that the content of these forms is, to a large extent, not relevant to established bookmakers.

**Federation of Racecourse Bookmakers.
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