

VGTs at Truck Stops

Q: What is a VGT?

A VGT is short for a Video Gaming Terminal which operates in a similar way to a slot machine in a casino with each play random of the previous play.

VGTs will only accept cash, not credit or debit cards, and winnings must be paid through a redemption machine.

By law, the maximum bet on a VGT will be \$5 with a maximum payout of \$1,000. Also, by law, the minimum theoretical payout percentage for VGTs is 85%, the same as slot machines in Pennsylvania casinos.

Q: Where can VGTs be located?

VGT's can only be located in "Truck Stop Establishments" that meet the following criteria:

- (1) is equipped with diesel islands used for fueling commercial motor vehicles;
- (2) has sold on average 50,000 gallons of diesel or biodiesel fuel each month for the previous 12 months or is projected to sell an average of 50,000 gallons of diesel or biodiesel fuel each month for the next 12 months;
- (3) has at least 20 parking spaces dedicated for commercial motor vehicles;
- (4) has a convenience store;
- (5) is a PA Lottery Sales Agent. and,
- (6) is situated on a parcel of land of not less than 3 acres.

Additionally, a county that currently hosts a casino may opt out of the placement of VGTs at a truck stop establishment in that county by passing a resolution prohibiting VGTs at truck stop establishments and forwarding that resolution to the Gaming Control Board by December 29, 2017.

Q: How many truck stops would be eligible?

The exact number is yet to be determined. A truck stop establishment that is eligible and licensed can operate up to 5 VGTs.

Q: When will the process to apply for VGT licenses at qualified truck stops begin?

Applications for licenses related to VGT gaming are available on the Gaming Control Board's web site. These can be accessed at this link: <http://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov/?p=289>

Applications for VGT terminal operators and establishments will be accepted beginning May 7, 2018. The date for acceptance of VGT Manufacturer and Supplier applications as well as Interactive Gaming-Related applications will be posted at a future time.

Q: What is the minimum age to participate in VGT gambling?

Any person under the age of 21 is prohibited from participating in VGT gaming at a truck stop. Also, the location of the VGTs must be in an area segregated from minors and under the observation of an employee of the truck stop.

Q: Who will receive the tax revenue from VGTs?

- 42% of the gross revenue generated by VGTs will go into a newly-established Video Gaming Fund which, in turn, will be deposited into Pennsylvania's General Fund
- 10% of the gross revenue will be used for grants to any county in the Commonwealth and administered through the Commonwealth Finance Agency

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