

Airport Gaming

Q: What type of gaming will be available?

Airport gaming will be permitted on multi-use computing devices, such as iPads and other similar computer tablets and devices. Gaming options could include slots, blackjack, roulette, poker and other table games.

Q: Within which airports could these be located?

Publicly owned commercial service airports can offer airport gaming through an agreement with one of Pennsylvania's existing casinos that has been issued an interactive gaming certificate by the PGCB. However, airports are not required to offer the gambling options, and each airport will decide on its own whether it wants to engage in this offering. Publicly owned commercial service airports include:

Altoona-Blair County Airport	Harrisburg International Airport	Pittsburgh International Airport
Arnold Palmer Regional Airport	John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport	University Park Airport
Bradford Regional Airport	Lancaster Airport	Venango Regional Airport
Dubois Regional Airport	Lehigh Valley International Airport	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport
Erie International Airport	Philadelphia International Airport	Williamsport Regional Airport

Q: Who will be able to gamble in airports and at what age?

Individuals 21 years of age or older who have cleared security check points and have a valid airline boarding pass for travel from one destination to another are eligible to participate in airport gaming.

Q: Will the gaming resemble slot machines in the Las Vegas Airport?

No. McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas has slot machines that are similar to those in Pennsylvania casinos. Pennsylvania's new law permits gaming in publicly owned commercial service airports only through the use of multi-use computing devices like iPads and other similar tablet computers. Those devices are affixed to tables and counters in terminal waiting areas, lounges and restaurants and can be used for ordering food and drinks, online shopping, checking the status of a flight and, in this case, playing casino-style games. Gaming offerings would be accessed through a software application installed on the device. Eligible passengers could wager through an internet gaming account which the passenger sets up through the internet and provides information proving identity, age, address, payment methods and password.

Q: When will Airport Gaming be available?

There are many factors that could affect the timeline for implementation of airport gaming. Existing casinos must petition the PGCB for approval to offer internet gaming and airport gaming, and agreements must be reached with a qualified airport through its municipal authority or owner. In addition to the required regulatory approvals, the airport or concession operator must provide an area for airport gaming which has surveillance and other required security features. Therefore, any timetable for airport gaming availability must be determined at a later date.

Q: Who will own these licenses?

The PGCB may authorize an interactive gaming certificate holder or an interactive gaming operator to conduct airport gaming. Pennsylvania's 12 existing casinos and one licensed but not yet open casino are initially eligible to petition the PGCB to obtain an interactive gaming certificate. The certificate holder may also enter into an agreement with an interactive gaming operator to offer airport gaming.

Q: Is tax revenue generated by airport gaming?

Yes. Gross interactive gaming revenue, which includes airport gaming, is taxed at 14% for games that simulate table games and 52 % for games that simulate slot machines and is paid to the Commonwealth to support the state's general fund. In addition, a 2% local share assessment tax is split among the county in which the airport is located, the airport authority, grants for public interest purposes and, in the case of gaming at the Philadelphia International Airport, the Philadelphia School District.

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