



Ohio's Voluntary Exclusion Program Frequently asked Questions

WHAT IS THE SELF EXCLUSION PROGRAM?

The Voluntary Self Exclusion Program (VEP) is a program that allows you to voluntarily agree to refrain from entering an Ohio casino.

HOW CAN I ADD MY NAME TO THE SELF EXCLUSION LIST?

In order to participate, you must fill out the application form in person at a Casino Control Commission office, either at the casino location or at the Columbus headquarters. Arrangements for an alternative location can also be made by contacting the Commission's Problem Gambling Specialist.

AM I EXCLUDED FOR LIFE?

You can choose to exclude yourself from a casino for a period of one year, five years, or lifetime. If you chose lifetime, the exclusion does not end and you cannot request to be removed from the list. If you choose one or five years, the exclusion will not end unless you request removal. You can only request removal at the end of the exclusion period.

WHERE CAN I SIGN UP?

You may sign up for the Voluntary Exclusion Program at the Casino Control Commission offices in the casinos, or at the Commission's headquarters in Columbus. Arrangements for an alternative location can also be made by contacting the Commission's Problem Gambling Specialist.

DO I HAVE TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION IN PERSON?

Yes, the application must be completed in person, and a Commission employee will ask you a few questions to ensure that you are enrolling voluntarily.

DO I HAVE TO GO TO A CASINO TO SIGN UP?

No, you can also enroll at the Casino Control Commission Offices in Columbus, or an alternative meeting location can be arranged. It is recommended that you call the office to schedule an appointment. The Commission can be reached at 614-387-5848 or by mail at 10 W. Broad St., 6th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

CAN A SPOUSE OR RELATIVE HAVE SOMEONE PLACED ON THE LIST?

No, this is a voluntary program and only you can complete the application.

CAN I STILL WORK AT A CASINO IF I PLACE MYSELF ON THE LIST?

Yes, but you must notify the Commission prior to starting a job at the casino. However, you may be in the casino **only** to perform the duties of your employment and may not participate in any gaming or wagering.

WHO CAN ACCESS INFORMATION ON THE LIST?

The only people who will have access to your information will be the Casino Control Commission and the Ohio casino operators.

WILL MY NAME BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC?

No, your name and all other information will remain confidential and cannot be released to the public, including your family and friends.

WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION IS ON THE APPLICATION?

You will be asked to provide your name, address, telephone numbers, social security number and driver's license or state ID number. You will also be asked to give a brief physical description, and a photo of you will be taken when you complete the application. We will ask you questions to verify that you understand the program and that you are signing up for it voluntarily.

MAY I BRING SOMEONE WITH ME FOR SUPPORT WHEN I APPLY?

Yes, you may bring someone with you for moral support, but the interview must be completed privately with a Commission staff person. This insures that the information remains confidential and your rights are protected.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SUBMIT THE APPLICATION?

Once you complete the application, it will be reviewed by Commission staff. Valid applications will be entered into the database and your information will be given to the Ohio casinos. Once your information is received by the casino operators, your name will be removed from all direct marketing and your player card, if you have one, will be inactivated.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I VIOLATE THE CONTRACT AND VISIT A CASINO?

If you are found in an Ohio casino, you will be asked to leave and could be subject to arrest and a criminal action for trespassing. You will also be required to surrender any winnings owed by the casino, or thing of value converted or attempted to convert into a wagering instrument.

IF I PLACE MY NAME ON THE LIST, DOES THIS MEAN I CAN'T GO TO CASINOS IN OTHER STATES?

No. By placing your name on the Ohio list, you are only excluding yourself from Ohio casinos. However, some casinos may have policies that restrict you from all their casinos, in Ohio and other states.

CAN I GET OFF THE LIST?

Yes, if you are enrolled in the one or five-year exclusion period. In order to be removed from the VEP, you must complete and submit a Request for Removal form to the Commission.