

(i) Licensees shall report to the Commission essential details of any loans, borrowings, installment contracts, guarantees, leases, or capital contributions no later than 10 days after the end of the month in which the transaction or event occurs.

(j) Copies of all financial statements and statistical reports required to be filed with the Commission shall be furnished by the licensee to the Division.

As amended, R.1984 d.135, effective August 16, 1984.  
See: 16 N.J.R. 361(a), 16 N.J.R. 927(a).

(c): delete alternative basis for quarterly reports.  
Amended by R.1996 d.160, effective March 18, 1996.  
See: 28 N.J.R. 75(a), 28 N.J.R. 1559(a).  
Amended by R.2005 d.86, effective March 7, 2005.  
See: 36 N.J.R. 623(a), 37 N.J.R. 789(a).

In (d), inserted reference to "Chief Gaming Executive".  
Petition for Rulemaking.  
See: 37 N.J.R. 812(a).

### 19:45-1.7 Annual audit and other reports

(a) Each casino licensee, unless specifically exempted by the Commission, shall, at its own expense, cause its annual financial statements to be audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by an independent certified public accountant licensed to practice in the State of New Jersey.

(b) The annual financial statement shall be prepared on a comparative basis for the current and prior calendar year, and shall present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

(c) The financial statements required by this section shall include a footnote reconciling and explaining any differences between the financial statements included in the casino licensee's annual report, filed in conformity with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.6, and the audited financial statements. Such footnote shall, at a minimum, disclose the effect of such adjustments on:

1. Revenues from the casino and authorized games in the casino simulcasting facility;
2. Casino simulcasting revenues;
3. Revenues net of complimentary services;
4. Total costs and expenses;
5. Income before extraordinary items; and
6. Net income.

(d) Two copies of the audited financial statements, together with the report thereon of the casino licensee's independent certified public accountant, shall be filed with the Commission and the Division not later than April 30 following the end of the calendar year.

(e) Each licensee shall require its independent certified public accountant to render the following additional reports:

1. Report on material weaknesses in internal accounting control. Whenever in the opinion of the independent certified public accountant there exists no material weaknesses in internal accounting control, the report shall so state.

2. Report expressing the opinion of the independent certified public accountant that based on his examination of the financial statements the licensee has followed, in all material respects during the period covered by his examination, the system of internal accounting control approved by the Commission. Whenever, in the opinion of the independent certified public accountant, the licensee has materially deviated from the system of internal accounting control approved by the Commission or the accounts, records, and control procedures examined are not maintained by the licensee in accordance with the Casino Control Act and this chapter, the report shall enumerate such deviations and such areas of the system no longer considered effective, and shall make recommendations regarding improvements in the system of internal accounting control.

3. The licensee shall prepare a written response to the independent certified public accountant's reports required by (e) 1 and 2 above. The response shall indicate, in detail, the corrective actions taken. Such response shall be submitted to the Commission and Division within 90 days from receipt of the independent certified public accountant's reports.

(f) In accordance with the requirements of section 146 of the Casino Control Act, each licensee who has made a decision to pay the in lieu taxes prescribed by that section on his licensed premises and whose decision has been approved by the Commission shall file with the Department of the Treasury, not later than 90 days following the completion of the project, a schedule which details by major classification, the costs incurred in the project. Accompanying the schedule shall be a report expressing the opinion of the licensee's independent certified public accountant that such costs are presented fairly in such schedule.

(g) Two copies of the reports required by (e) above, and two copies of any other reports on internal accounting control, administrative controls, or other matters relative to the licensee's accounting or operating procedures rendered by the licensee's independent certified public accountant, shall be filed with the Commission and the Division by the licensee by April 30 following the end of the calendar year or upon receipt, whichever is earlier.

(h) If the casino licensee or any of its affiliates is publicly held, the licensee or the affiliate shall submit five copies to the Commission and one copy to the Division of any report, including, but not limited to, forms S-1, 8-K, 10-Q, 10-K, proxy or information statements and all registration statements, required to be filed by such licensee or affiliates with the Securities and Exchange Commission or other domestic

(i) If an independent certified public accountant who was previously engaged as the principal accountant to audit the casino licensee's financial statements resigns or is dismissed as the casino licensee's principal accountant, or another independent certified public accountant is engaged as principal accountant, the casino licensee shall file a report with the Commission and the Division within 10 days following the end of the month in which such event occurs, setting forth the following:

1. The date of such resignation, dismissal or engagement.
2. Whether in connection with the audits of the two most recent years preceding such resignation, dismissal, or engagement there were any disagreements with the former accountant on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements if not resolved to the satisfaction of the former accountant would have caused him to make reference in connection with his report to the subject matter of disagreement, including a description of each such disagreement. The disagreements to be reported include those resolved and those not resolved.
3. Whether the principal accountant's report on the financial statements for any of the past two years contained an adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion or was qualified. The nature of such adverse opinion, disclaimer of opinion, or qualification shall be described.
4. The casino licensee shall request the former accountant to furnish to the casino licensee a letter addressed to the Commission, with a copy furnished to the Division, stating whether he agrees with the statements made by the casino licensee in response to (i) of this section. Such letter shall be filed with the Commission as an exhibit to the report required by (i) of this section.

Amended by R.1981 d.272, effective September 10, 1981.

See: 13 N.J.R. 47(c), 13 N.J.R. 628(a).

Amended by R.1991 d.470, effective September 16, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 2006(a), 23 N.J.R. 2868(b).

In subsections (b), (d) and (g), deleted "fiscal" from text to update rule.

Amended by R.1992 d.500, effective December 21, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 3225(a), 24 N.J.R. 4563(a).

In (h), added copy requirements, including proxy and registration statements.

Amended by R.1993 d.37, effective January 19, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 3695(a), 25 N.J.R. 348(b).

Simulcast provisions added at (c)1 and 2.

Amended by R.1996 d.29, effective January 16, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4176(a), 28 N.J.R. 282(a).

(e)2 required reported deviations to be material.

#### 19:45-1.8 Retention, storage and destruction of books, records and documents

(a) All original books, records and documents pertaining to the casino licensee's operations and approved hotel shall be:

1. Prepared and maintained in a complete, accurate and legible form;

2. Retained on the site of the approved hotel building or at another secure location approved in accordance with (d) below for the time period specified in (c) below;

3. Held immediately available for inspection by agents of the Commission and Division during all hours of operation;

4. Organized and indexed in such a manner so as to provide immediate accessibility to agents of the Commission and Division; and

5. Destroyed only after:

- i. Expiration of the minimum retention period specified in (c) below, except that the Commission may, upon the written petition of any casino licensee and for good cause shown, permit such destruction at an earlier date; and
- ii. Written notice to the Commission and Division in accordance with (f) below.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "books, records and documents" shall be defined as any book, record or document pertaining to, prepared in or generated by the operation of a casino, a casino simulcasting facility or an approved hotel including, but not limited to, all forms, reports, accounting records, ledgers, subsidiary records, computer generated data, internal audit records, correspondence and personnel records. This definition shall apply without regard to the medium through which the record is generated or maintained, for example, paper, magnetic media or encoded disk.

(c) All original books, records and documents shall be retained by a casino licensee in accordance with the following schedules. For purposes of this subsection, "original books, records or documents" shall not include copies of originals, except for copies which contain original comments or notations or parts of multi-part forms.

1. The following original books, records and documents shall be retained indefinitely unless destruction is requested by the casino licensee and approved by the Commission:

- i. Corporate records required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.4;
- ii. Records of corporate investigations and due diligence procedures;
- iii. Current casino employee personnel files; and
- iv. A record of any original book, record or document destroyed, identifying the particular book, record or document, the period of retention and the date of destruction.

2. The following original books, records and documents shall be retained by a casino licensee for a minimum of five years:

i. Gaming-related documents not otherwise specified in (c)3 below, including, without limitation, records concerning gaming-related casino service industries;

ii. Personnel files of terminated casino employees; and

iii. Any other original book, record or document not otherwise specified in this subsection.

3. The following original books, records and documents shall be retained by a casino licensee for a minimum of four years from the date of the actual filing of the gross revenue tax return pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:54-1.7 for the tax year in which the book, record or document was generated:

i. Casino cage documents;

ii. Documentation supporting the calculation of table game win;

iii. Documentation supporting the calculation of slot machine win;

iv. Documentation supporting the calculation of poker revenue;

v. Documents associated with the accounting and reconciliation of assets contained within the keno drawers, including the reporting of overages and shortages, keno fill slips, keno credit slips, keno count sheets and reports generated by the keno computer system; and

vi. Documentation supporting the calculation of the provision for uncollectible patron checks pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:54-1.6.

4. The following original books, records and documents shall be retained by a casino licensee for a minimum of three years:

i. Hotel income audit documents, including, without limitation, telephone call records and charges;

ii. Non-gaming hotel-related documents, including, without limitation, records concerning hotel guests; records concerning banquets; food and beverage documents; records of retail stores, accounts receivable and other records of transactions in which the casino licensee is a vendor; and entertainment records;

iii. Payroll records, except as provided in (c)1 above;

iv. Signature cards of terminated employees;

v. Marketing department records;

vi. Security incident reports;

vii. Insurance department records relating to guest claims and copies of arrest records;

viii. Credit union records;

ix. Hotel-related documents which pertain to the purchasing department and accounts payable department;

x. Patron gaming records;

xi. Records concerning junkets;

xii. Petty cash documentation;

xiii. General ledgers and supporting journals;

xiv. Accounts receivable documents from store rentals and travel wholesalers; and

xv. Paid or voided keno tickets.

5. The following original books, records and documents shall be retained by a casino licensee for a minimum of one year:

i. Complimentary settled guest checks;

ii. Card and dice transaction and inventory reports;

iii. Returned check aging reports, except for year-end reports;

iv. Vendor registration forms;

v. Register tapes and room service checks;

vi. Files and workpapers used to prepare budgets;

vii. Records generated by the mailroom;

viii. Advertising records;

ix. Slot department daily activity logs;

x. Any document, except for a document specified in (c)3ii through vi above, for which the casino licensee can demonstrate that the information contained thereon is duplicative or less than that recorded on another document retained in accordance with (c)1 through 4 above; and

xi. With the exception of cashed pari-mutuel tickets and credit vouchers, the original books, records and documents related to the revenues and expenses of casino simulcasting, including, but not limited to, all reports generated by the totalisator and all records maintained in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.2(c)10, shall be retained by a casino licensee or a hub facility for a minimum of one year.

6. The following original books, records and documents shall be retained by a casino licensee for a minimum of six months:

i. Coupons entitling patrons to cash, slot tokens, gaming chips or plaques or simulcasting wagers, progressive wager coupons or match play coupons, including unused, voided and redeemed coupons;

ii. The following hotel income audit documents: Cashier reports, room tally reports, over/short reports, rate variations and missing check reports;

- iii. Load count arrival forms;
- iv. Credit card settled guest checks pertaining to restaurant and bar charges;
- v. Room charge settled guest checks pertaining to restaurant and bar charges;
- vi. Credit card vouchers used to settle guest checks in restaurants and bars;
- vii. Guest check control sheets used to control the issuance and return of guest checks to cashiers, bartenders and food servers;
- viii. Credit applications with unused lines of credit;
- ix. Surveillance employee duty logs, VCR/tape logs, and equipment malfunction reports;
- x. Zeroed-out countercheck envelopes;
- xi. Emergency drop box approval forms; and
- xii. Solicited resumes or employment applications, provided that such documents pertain to persons who were not hired by the casino licensees.

7. The following original books, records and documents shall be retained by a casino licensee for a minimum of 90 days:

- i. Surveillance department visitor logs;
- ii. Coin bag tags, provided that the information contained thereon is duplicative or less than that recorded on another document; and
- iii. Documents relating to promotions, such as entry forms and game tickets.

8. The following original books, records and documents shall be retained by a casino licensee for a minimum of 30 days:

- i. Hotel cashier envelopes; and
- ii. Cashed pari-mutuel tickets and credit vouchers shall be retained by a casino licensee for a minimum of 30 days from the date on which they are cashed, canceled or refunded in the casino licensee's casino simulcasting facility.

9. The following original books, records and documents do not have to be retained by a casino licensee for any minimum period of time, but may be destroyed only upon notice in accordance with (f) and (g) below:

- i. Any serially pre-numbered form required by Commission rules that is blank or unused, unless otherwise specified by this section; and
- ii. Any original book, record or document that has been copied and stored on a microfilm, microfiche or other media system approved by the Commission.

10. The following original books, records and documents do not have to be retained by a casino licensee for

any minimum period of time, and may be destroyed without notice otherwise required by (f) below:

- i. Parking ticket stubs;
- ii. Coat check tickets;
- iii. Housekeeping reports;
- iv. Maintenance department records;
- v. Patron mailing lists;
- vi. Blank entry forms;
- vii. Bellman and baggage forms;
- viii. Cash settled guest checks;
- ix. Food credit and complimentary beverage coupons;
- x. Drink chits;
- xi. Food and beverage order slips;
- xii. Bottle sales slips;
- xiii. Showroom starter slips;
- xiv. Communication department records;
- xv. Unsolicited resumes or letters requesting employment;
- xvi. Register tapes, provided that the information contained thereon is duplicative or less than that recorded on another document retained in accordance with (c)3 above;
- xvii. Survey questionnaires regarding service in the casino hotel;
- xviii. Records of hours worked by persons employed in gaming-related positions in an abstract or other readily accessible format;
- xix. Any blank or unused form except as provided in (c)8i above, unless otherwise specified by this section;
- xx. Keno requests; and
- xxi. Laundry charges.

(d) A casino licensee may petition the Commission at any time for approval of a facility off the site of the approved hotel building to be used to generate or store original books, records and documents. Such petition shall include:

- 1. A detailed description of the proposed off-site facility, including security and fire safety systems; and
- 2. The procedures pursuant to which Commission and Division agents will be able to gain access to the original books, records and documents retained at the off-site facility.

(e) A casino licensee may petition the Commission for approval of a microfilm, microfiche or other suitable media

system for the copying and storage of original books, records and documents. Such a system shall be approved if it contains the following elements to the satisfaction of the Commission:

1. A system that provides for the processing, preservation and maintenance of books, records and documents in a form which makes them readily available for review and copying on the site of the approved hotel building or other site approved by the Commission;

2. A system of inspection and quality control which ensures that microfilm, microfiche or other media when displayed on a reader (viewer) or reproduced on paper exhibit a high degree of legibility and readability;

3. A reader-printer available for use by the Commission or Division on the site of the approved hotel building or other site approved by the Commission which permits the ready location, reading and reproduction of any book, record or document being stored on microfilm, microfiche or other media; and

4. A detailed index of all microfilmed, microfiched or other stored data maintained and arranged in such a manner as to permit the immediate location of any particular book, record or document.

(f) A casino licensee shall notify the Commission and the Division in writing at least 15 days prior to the scheduled destruction of any original book, record or document. Such notice shall list each type of book, record and document scheduled for destruction, including a description sufficient to identify the books, records and documents included; the retention period; and the date of destruction. Each casino licensee shall retain this record of destruction in accordance with (c)1 above.

(g) The Commission or the Division may prohibit the destruction of any original book, record or document by so notifying the casino licensee in writing within 15 days of the receipt of notice of destruction pursuant to (f) above. Such original book, record or document may thereafter be destroyed only upon notice from the Commission or Division, or by order of the Commission upon the petition of the casino licensee or by the Commission on its own initiative.

(h) The casino licensee may utilize the services of a disposal company for the destruction of any books, records or documents except those related to credit. Any cash complimentary coupons to be destroyed by a disposal company shall be cancelled with a void stamp, hole punch or similar device, or must contain a clearly marked expiration date which has expired.

(i) Nothing herein shall be construed as relieving a casino licensee from meeting any obligation to prepare or maintain any book, record or document required by any other Federal, state or local governmental body, authority or agency.

Amended by R.1983 d.112, effective March 29, 1983.

See: 15 N.J.R. 257(a), 15 N.J.R. 627(b).

Originally filed as an emergency adoption (R.1983 d.37) on January 27, 1983. Readopted as R.1983 d.112. Repealed section on junkets which are now codified at N.J.A.C. 19:49.

New Rule, R.1985 d.51, effective February 19, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 3303(a), 17 N.J.R. 481(a).

Amended by R.1992 d.361, effective September 21, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2348(b), 24 N.J.R. 3332(a).

Revised to meet statutory changes regarding records retention, storage and destruction. Eliminate current petition process for records destruction and off-site record generation or storage. In (a)2: revised text to reference new text at (c) and (d). Added (a)5. At (b): added final sentence regarding the medium. Added new subsection (c). Recodified (c) as new (d), deleting existing (d). Deleted existing (c)1, recodifying (c)2 as new (c)1 and recodifying existing (c)5 as (c)2, with no change in text. Deleted existing (f) and added (f)-(h), recodifying existing (g) as (i), with no change in text.

Amended by R.1993 d.37, effective January 19, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 3695(a), 25 N.J.R. 348(b).

Simulcast provisions added.

Amended by R.1993 d.110, effective March 1, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 3694(b), 25 N.J.R. 1008(b).

Record retention schedule revised at (c).

Amended by R.1994 d.137, effective March 21, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 5902(a), 26 N.J.R. 1373(b).

Amended by R.1994 d.138, effective March 21, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 5905(a), 26 N.J.R. 1376(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.285, effective June 5, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2218(a), 27 N.J.R. 2254(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.123, effective March 4, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4993(a), 28 N.J.R. 1403(b).

Amended by R.1996 d.438, effective September 16, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 3243(a), 28 N.J.R. 4235(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.562, effective December 2, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 3900(a), 28 N.J.R. 5082(a).

Amended by R.1998 d.124, effective March 2, 1998.

See: 29 N.J.R. 4743(a), 30 N.J.R. 868(a).

In (c)4, rewrote xv; in (c)5, inserted a new ix and xi and recodified former ix as xi.; and in (c)6, added xii.

### 19:45-1.9 Complimentary services or items

(a) A complimentary service or item is a service or item provided directly or indirectly by a licensee at no cost or at a reduced price.

(b) No casino licensee may offer or provide any complimentary services, gifts, cash or other items of value to any person except as authorized by N.J.S.A. 5:12-102(m). Each casino licensee shall, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 5:12-99a(2) and N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.3, prepare and maintain internal controls for the authorization and issuance of complimentary services and items, including cash and noncash gifts issued pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-102(m) and N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.9B. Such internal controls shall include, without limitation, the procedures by which the casino licensee delegates to its employees the authority to approve the issuance of complimentary services and items and the procedures by which conditions or limits, if any, which may apply to such authority are established and modified, including limits based on relationships between the authorizer and recipient, and shall further include effective provisions for audit purposes. Notwithstanding the foregoing:

1. Internal controls for complimentary distribution programs shall be subject to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46;