

# GAMBLING COMMISSION

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Dear Mr Hudson,

## Non-remote Fees

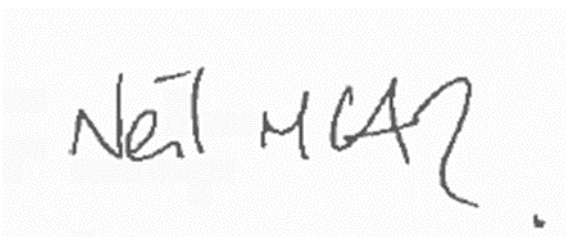
Thank you for your letter dated 26 March 2020. I am sorry not to have responded more quickly.

Let me start by saying that we, at the Gambling Commission, recognise the unprecedented Covid-19 situation will mean that your members are facing uncertain and unsettling times. We want to try and help, but unfortunately, due to the way that our fee system is structured in legislation we don't have the unilateral ability to reduce or waive fees or allow for payment by instalments.

One option, that may assist to a limited extent, relates to the possibility of reducing the fee category an operator falls into. At the point of renewal, licensees should assess their likely level of racecourse attendance based on known information at that time. On a case by case basis, where applicable and supported by evidence, licensees can apply to decrease their fee category if they believe they will attend sufficiently fewer days to move category in the upcoming year.

We have now published COVID-19 guidance and FAQs on our website – [here](#). It includes information in relation to licence fees and applications. In this evolving landscape we are advising stakeholders to visit our website regularly for updates – and to do likewise with Government [advice](#) which contains information in relation to areas such as business and employment support.

Yours sincerely,



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