



CURAÇAO GAMING LICENCE



**Legislation, Licence Types &
Administrative Licence Fees**

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LEGISLATION

Key legal framework

CURAÇÃO IS A LONG-STANDING PLAYER IN THE ONLINE GAMBLING INDUSTRY AND ONE OF THE OLDEST AND MOST POPULAR IGAMING LICENSING LOCATIONS IN THE WORLD

Situated in the southern Caribbean Sea, close to the Venezuelan coast, Curaçao is a constituent country of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Curaçao's regulatory landscape has evolved significantly over the past few decades. Here is a breakdown of key legislative developments:



01 National Ordinance on Offshore Games of Hazard (1993)

This law officially legalised online gambling activities in Curaçao, making it one of the first jurisdictions in the world to regulate online gaming. This laid the foundation for the island's prominence in the iGaming industry.

02 Incorporation of Curaçao Gaming Control Board (GCB) (1999)

Following a review by the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF), Curaçao formed the GCB on April 19, 1999. The GCB was tasked with regulating the entire gaming industry operating in and from Curaçao, both land-based and online.

03 Regulatory Enhancements (2018-2020)

In December 2018, the Minister of Finance announced plans to enhance oversight of the online gaming sector. The GCB was officially designated as the AML/CFT supervisor for the entire sector in February 2019. From March 2020, the GCB was also given responsibility for licensing and supervising Curaçao's online gaming sector on behalf of the Minister of Finance.

04 Curaçao Gaming Authority (CGA)

With the passage of the LOK, the Curaçao Gaming Control Board has transitioned into the Curaçao Gaming Authority (CGA). This new, unified regulatory body is tasked with overseeing all forms of gambling, including online games of chance. The CGA now has full authority to enforce compliance with the updated laws and regulations.

The establishment of the CGA marks a significant step forward in providing a more transparent, regulated and secure environment for operators and players alike.

LICENCE TYPES

Single licence covers all iGaming verticals

Curaçao

TOTAL AREA **444km²** CAPITAL CITY **Willemstad** OFFICIAL LANGUAGES **Papiamentu, Dutch, English** CURRENCY **ƒ (ANG)**



REGULATOR



IDEAL FOR:
Start-ups and operators looking for low-cost entry into the iGaming market.

APPLICATION COST
APPROX.
\$ 20K-25K
FOR SUB-LICENSE

PROCESSING TIME
APPROX.
2-3 mos.

LICENCE TYPE

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MASTER LICENCE SUB-LICENSE

- SPORTS
 - CASINO
 - POKER
 - LOTTERIES
 - BINGO
 - CRYPTO
- ⊗ NO SHARE CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS
 - ⊗ NO LOCAL HIRES REQUIRED
 - ⊗ NO PHYSICAL OFFICE REQUIRED

0-2% CORPORATE TAX
Favourable Offshore Tax Regime

0% GAMING TAX

BENEFITS

- 📄 Single Licence
- 🕒 Time-Efficient
- 💰 Cost-Effective
- 📉 0% Zero Revenue Tax
- 📍 Limited Geographical restrictions
- ✅ Simple Set-up
- 🔗 Crypto-friendly

CURAÇAO'S LICENCE SYSTEM OFFERS A SIMPLE AND AFFORDABLE WAY FOR OPERATORS TO ACCESS GLOBAL MARKETS, MAKING IT ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE JURISDICTIONS FOR START-UPS & ESTABLISHED OPERATORS ALIKE.

Curaçao now operates a reformed licensing system that has replaced the old Master License and Sub-license structure.

The new framework, introduced in 2024, divides licenses into distinct B2C (Business to Consumer) and B2B (Business to Business) categories. This shift modernizes the Curaçao gaming industry, aligning it with global standards and enhancing regulatory transparency and oversight.



B2C Licence

This licence is for operators providing gaming services directly to consumers (e.g. online casinos, sports betting platforms). B2C operators must handle player registration, data management and are responsible for compliance with AML/CFT regulations and responsible gaming.

B2B Licence

The B2B licence is designed for service providers in the gaming industry, such as software developers, payment processors and platform providers. This category is for companies that supply technology or infrastructure to gaming operators without directly managing player interactions.

Legacy Master License & Sublicense model

Under the old system, Curaçao operated a Master Licence system, where only four master licence holders were authorised to issue Sub-Licences to gaming operators. This system has now been phased out, with sub-licensees transitioning to direct B2C or B2B licences.



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ADMINISTRATIVE & LICENCE FEES

Breakdown of administrative & licence costs

Under Curaçao's new licensing framework, the fee structure has been modernized.

The updated system introduces a tiered approach, differentiating between B2C and B2B licenses, where operators and service providers contribute proportionately to the jurisdiction's regulatory infrastructure.

This reasonable, transparent and predictable fee structure contributes to the jurisdiction's appeal.

LICENCE TYPE	APPLICATION FEE	ANNUAL FEE	MONTHLY FEE
B2C Licence	€4,600 + due diligence fees (€125–€250 pp)	€24,600	€2,050
B2B Licence	€4,600 + due diligence fees (€125–€250 pp)	€24,600	N/A
Per domain fee	N/A	€250 per domain	N/A



Gaming tax

Curaçao's gaming tax regime remains one of the most favourable for operators:

Corporate tax:

2% on net profits derived from gaming operations.

No VAT:

Curaçao does not levy VAT on gaming services.

No additional gaming tax:

Unlike some jurisdictions, Curaçao imposes no additional gaming tax on its licensees, making it an attractive destination for businesses seeking cost-efficiency.

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Compliance with global standards

Curaçao imposes certain compliance standards for all licensed entities, with more stringent requirements for businesses in the iGaming sector. Since the regulatory updates, these requirements have been modernised. Below are the key compliance obligations:

01 **Annual licence renewal**

Curaçao requires iGaming operators to renew their licences annually. This involves the submission of updated documents and renewal fees to the Curaçao Gaming Control Board (GCB) or relevant licensing authority.

02 **AML/CFT compliance**

Curaçao has strengthened its AML & CFT measures, now enforced more rigorously by the newly established Curaçao Gaming Authority (CGA). Licensed entities must conduct customer due diligence (CDD), perform transaction monitoring, and report suspicious activities to the relevant authorities.

03 **Quarterly compliance reports**

Licence holders are now required to submit quarterly compliance reports. These reports must include financial data, operational updates and demonstrate continued adherence to the CGA's regulatory standards. Non-compliance may result in penalties, fines, or even licence suspension.

04 **Technical system audits**

Under the new regulatory framework, iGaming operators must ensure their systems undergo regular audits to confirm game integrity, data security and fair play. These audits may be conducted by the operator or by certified third parties, especially those accredited by the CGA.

05 **Responsible gaming initiatives**

Operators must implement responsible gaming tools, including player self-exclusion, spending limits and clear educational content promoting safe gaming.

06 **Data Privacy compliance**

Curaçao's data protection rules are aligned with global norms, meaning international operators must ensure they meet local and global privacy standards.

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Establishing and structuring your legal entity in multiple jurisdictions.



Compliance & regulatory support

Ensuring your operation meets local AML/CFT, KYC and responsible gaming requirements.



Licence application

Comprehensive support for the licensing process.



Ongoing management

Handling post-licensing requirements such as renewals, reporting and compliance.

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HEAD OF LICENSING

“My priority is to simplify the licensing process for our clients, ensuring they meet regulatory requirements while focusing on growing their business.”

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leave the red tape to us.*

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