



Good-bye Casino EZ File, Hello Revenue Online

As most of you are aware Casino EZ File was outdated and soon to be unsupported. A new and better way to file taxes, financials, track devices and personnel had to be found. After months of discussion and planning Revenue Online was the logical choice.

Revenue Online (ROL) is not a new system. It is currently being used by many to file multiple tax types, like State Income Tax, Sales Tax, and Gaming Withholding. It's a user friendly system that is integrated with the State's Accounting system making it the most cost effective and efficient option.

As of August 1st, the gaming tax filing portion in ROL went live and the tax filing tab in EZ File was deactivated. Casinos will be filing the July 2015 taxes, due August 17, in ROL. To streamline the tax filing process, the tax template has been updated to mirror the tax return format in ROL. It has been redesigned to make data input and verification more efficient. A link to ROL has been added to the Division's website right next to the Casino EZ File and GPI links.

Phase two of the integration process will be the migration from EZ File to ROL for Financial Statement Filing and the tracking system for both Devices and Personnel. This phase should be completed by January 2016. Until then please continue to track devices and personnel through the Casino EZ File system.

Just a reminder, please file early and Casinos can sign up to file the July taxes at the Division's office with the Audit Section's Assistance.

TSG's New Review Process

As of April 1, 2015 ICOs were no longer required to complete the Slot Monitoring System checklist or ensure that the Systems Questionnaire was updated annually. The Technical Systems Group (TSG) has now incorporated the checklist and questionnaire into the new review process work paper. TSG has developed a new process that will be more efficient and beneficial for the casino. Throughout the next few months, TSG will set up an initial meeting with the ICO and IT department to review the new process and corresponding work papers. An electronic copy of the work paper discussed during that meeting will be forwarded to the ICO for distribution and completion. Please complete the work papers on the electronic copy provided and return to the lead Systems Specialist via email on or before the date stated on the work paper.

The Division's Chief Auditor Retiring

The Division of Gaming's Chief Auditor, Geri Clerkin is retiring August 20, 2015. She has been with the Division for 7 years and has been a real asset to the Division and instrumental in implementing many key policies. Before working for the Division, she worked in the Gaming Industry in Nevada, Louisiana and Colorado.

Geri wants to thank the Industry for their compliance efforts. Also, thank you for your input and recommendations for change that have helped the Division achieve a core value of "Reasonable Regulation."

It's been a pleasure working with Geri and please join us in wishing Geri a happy retirement, she will be sorely missed.



Introducing Paul Hogan...

Paul Hogan started as an Auditor with the Colorado State Auditor's Office in 1988. In 1993, he transferred to the Division of Gaming as an EDP Auditor and quickly became an Audit Manager responsible for information systems audits. He was also a member of the Division's Machine Approval Committee. In 1999, he became a System/Machine Specialist, chairing the Machine Approval Committee. In 2002, Paul left the Division and became Gaming Laboratories International's Manager of Regulatory Compliance. In 2004, Paul moved his family to Reno, NV and went to work for IGT as the Manager of Systems Compliance. In 2005, Paul became IGT's Director of Systems Compliance. As part of a company consolidation, Paul became IGT's Director of Product Compliance Operations in 2010. In October 2012, Paul returned to Denver and to the Colorado Division of Gaming as a Systems Specialist. In April 2015, Paul became the Division's Systems Manager. Paul has Bachelor of Science degrees in Accounting and Computer Information Systems from Regis University.

Paul is the new Chief Auditor for the Division of Gaming. Welcome back to auditing Paul, we look forward to working with you!

Table Games Update

The AGS game, IN BETWEEN was approved by the Gaming Commission at their June meeting. The rules for the game should be effective by August 15th. Four games are currently in field trial; 2 Card Poker, Blazing 7's Blackjack, King's Bounty Dealer's Envy and DJ Wild Stud. The rules for these four games will be presented at the September Commission meeting in Cripple Creek. If approved

by the Commission, they will be effective around November 15. Three games will be going into field trial in August. Push Your Luck Blackjack will be at the Lodge and Brass Ass. Deuces Wild Blackjack will be at the Saratoga, Z Casino and Wildwood. 3 Card 21 N Done will be at the Brass Ass.

At the May meeting, the Table Games Committee decided that items necessary for currently active promotions will not be considered extraneous items and can be held in the table games pit. When submitting promotions to the Division, please state which items will be necessary for the operation of that promotion, the parameters that will be established to ensure safeguarding of assets and how those items will be removed from the pit at the conclusion of the promotion.

Please contact the Division's Table Games Committee Chairman, Investigator Sean Ballain, with any promotional rules, comments, questions, or concerns.

Device Counts

ICMP states that, "On the last day of each month, a licensee shall perform a device count of all devices on the floor." An actual count of the machines and tables must be submitted to the Division by the second day of the month for posting on the website.

The Tax Return however, requires an average device count as stated in the ICMP. "The number of devices (slot machines or table games) reported on the tax return is based on the average number of active devices on the floor during the month."

Please remember to report your devices accordingly.



Expiring Variances

Internal Control Minimum Procedures (ICMP) Variance Renewal Requests can be submitted up to three months before the expiration date. If there are any changes to the renewed variance request, you must submit a new request. If the renewal requires no changes you can send an email requesting the specific variance number to be renewed and note "no changes". Please email renewal requests to dor_coloradocasinos@state.co.us



Reminder

Please verify the Contact information you have provided to the Division is current. Specifically, double check that the contact provided for the Device Tracking, Personnel Tracking, Tax Return and the Gambling Payment Intercept is correct. Also confirm phone numbers, emails and faxes are accurate as well. When there are any changes in the contact information provided to the Division of Gaming, remember to forward the updated information to the Division's email address in a timely manner, dor_coloradocasinos@state.co.us.

When applying for a new license or renewal, please remember to use the most current applications. The most up-to-date original and renewal applications are available on the Division of Gaming's website.

Please remember to have licensed casino employees report address and telephone number modifications to the Division within 10 days of the alteration.

Upcoming ICO meetings

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 – Cripple Creek at TBD, 10:00 am

Thursday, November 5, 2015 – Central City/Black Hawk, at the Division's Central City Office Commission Room, 10:00 am

You are encouraged to submit any questions or topics of discussion that you would like addressed either by the Division or your fellow ICOs. Please call or email your questions or topics to:

dor_coloradocasinos@state.co.us, or

Roger Pinson (303) 205-1372, or
roger.pinson@state.co.us

Laurie Scott (719) 689-3362,
laurie.scott@state.co.us

Commission Meeting Dates:

- Thursday, August 27, 2015 in Golden *4th Thursday
- Thursday, September 17, 2015 in Cripple Creek
- Thursday, October 15, 2015 in Central City
- Thursday, November 19, 2015 in Golden
- Thursday, December 17, 2015 in Golden

Please remember to use the most current forms on the Division's website.

USEFUL WEBSITES:

The Drop & Count Schedule, Minimum Bankroll Worksheet, and Tax Template are located at:

<https://www.colorado.gov/enforcement/node/37861>

ICO checklist and attribute worksheets:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/enforcement/node/38316>

License Applications:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/enforcement/node/38571>

ICMPs:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/enforcement/node/37861>