

### Who can get a license to conduct a lottery event?

Canada's Criminal Code permits charitable and religious organizations to conduct a lottery scheme to raise funds once a license is issued. Organizations must have a demonstrated charitable or religious mandate to qualify. Charitable refers to organizations which provide programs for:

- relief of poverty;
- advancement of education;
- advancement of religion; and
- other charitable purposes beneficial to the community.

To be considered eligible for a lottery license, each organization must:

- Have been in existence for at least one (1) year before being considered eligible for lottery licenses;
- Have provided charitable community services consistent with the primary objectives and purposes of the organization for at least one (1) year;
- Have a place of business in Ontario;
- Demonstrate that is established to provide charitable services in Ontario and use proceeds for objects or purposes which benefit Ontario residents; and
- Assume full responsibility for the conduct and management of its lottery events.

The primary purposes of an organization are determined by considering:

- The mandate of the organization as set out in its incorporation documents or documents stating the organization's objects;
- The objects of the organization as described in the license application; and
- The services which have actually been provided by the organization to the community.