



## Rules for Instant Game 235 “Hampers Sweets & Treats”



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# The National Lottery

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While the COVID-19 health restrictions are in place, prize winners may be unable to attend National Lottery HQ in order to claim their prize. In order to assist prize winners with making a claim during these restrictions, postal claims can be facilitated under certain circumstances. Please contact the PLI Claims Team on 1800 666 222 (Mon-Fri, 9.15 am – 5.30pm) for assistance. PLI reserves the right to withdraw this service at any time once the Covid-19 restrictions are removed.

The following sets forth the Game Rules for an instant lottery game (hereinafter known as “**Hampers, Sweets & Treats**”) which is to be operated by Premier Lotteries Ireland Designated Activity Company (hereinafter known as “the Company”) as part of The National Lottery.

The game will commence on a date to be announced, and will continue until the Company publicly announces a termination date.

These Game Rules have been approved by the Regulator in accordance with Section 45 of The National Lottery Act 2013.

### 1. General

1. These Game Rules are governed by The National Lottery Act 2013 and the General Rules for National Lottery Games.
2. The Company reserves the right to vary these Game Rules subject to the consent of the Regulator.
3. The official address to which correspondence must be sent is:

**The National Lottery**

**Abbey Street Lower**

**Dublin 1**




4. A code of practice governing relations between participants in National Lottery games and the National Lottery is available to download from the National Lottery’s website [www.lottery.ie](http://www.lottery.ie).

### 2. Definitions




The following words and terms will have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

1. **Act** means The National Lottery Act 2013.
2. **Bar-code** means the machine-readable arrangement of numbers and parallel lines of different widths printed on the back of each Ticket which can be electronically scanned.
3. **Bonus Draw** means a draw to select five winners of €1,000 each.
4. **Bonus Draw Code** means the thirteen digit alphanumeric code which is printed as ‘YOUR CODE’ on the front of the Ticket and enables entry to the ‘Christmas Bonus Draw’.
5. **Book** means a batch of 80 fan folded Tickets bearing a common book number.

6. **Chief Executive** means the person appointed by the Company for the time being to be its Chief Executive or any other person to whom the Chief Executive's authority is lawfully delegated.
7. **Data Matrix Bar-code** means the machine-readable arrangement of numbers and black and white cells printed on the front of the Ticket under the scratch-off covering which can be electronically scanned for the purposes of validation.
8. **Game/Book/Ticket Number** means the 12-character numeric code printed to show on the bottom of each Ticket below the scratch off areas and on the back of each Ticket.

9. **Instant Prize** means the prize that is won when, the Play Symbols  or  or  appear twice in Game 2 of the Play Area on a single Ticket, or three identical cash Play Symbols appear in Game 1 of the Play Area on a single Ticket.

10. **Play Area** means the two latex-covered panels on the front of the Ticket, incorporating a designated 'Instant Win' section.

11. **Play Symbols** mean the cash amounts or word/words  or  or  which appear in the Play Area, along with their matching captions. These Play Symbols and their captions will be derived from the following sets:

#### Game 1

€3    €5    €10    €20    €50    €100    €250    €25000  
 THREE    FIVE    TEN    TWENTY    FIFTY    ONEHUN    TWOFTY    TWVFVTHOU

#### Game 2

    
 HAMPER    SWEETS    VOUCHER

12. **Regulator** means the person appointed as Regulator of the National Lottery under Section 7 of the Act or the Minister acting under Section 8 of the Act.
13. **Retail Sales Agent** means a person(s), corporate body or partnership appointed by the Company to be a National Lottery sales agent at specified location(s) under Section 42 of the Act.
14. **The Company** means Premier Lotteries Ireland Designated Activity Company.
15. **The Minister** means the minister for Public Expenditure and Reform or his successor in title.
16. **Ticket** means a National Lottery **Hampers, Sweets & Treats** Ticket.

17. **Validation/Security Number** means the multi-digit numeric code which appears underneath the removable covering on the front of the Ticket and which enables validation.

### 3. Governing Law And Rules

In purchasing a Ticket, the Purchaser agrees to abide by the Law of Ireland, the Act, The General Rules for National Lottery Games, and these Game Rules.

### 4. Ticket Price

The price of a “**Hampers, Sweets & Treats**” Ticket will be €3.

### 5. Purchase and Prize Restrictions

No Ticket shall be purchased by, and no Instant Prize shall be paid to, any officer or employee of the Company or any contractor or sub-contractor involved in the production of **Hampers, Sweets & Treats** Tickets or any other person prohibited by the Act from purchasing, owning, or claiming on a Ticket.






### 6. Prosecution







Any person who alters or attempts to alter a Ticket with a view to obtaining an Instant Prize, or any person who purchases, owns, or claims on a Ticket and is not entitled to do so, is liable to criminal prosecution.

### 7. Retail Sales Agent Conduct

1. Retail Sales Agents are prohibited from exchanging books with other Retail Sales Agents.
2. Prior to payment of any Instant Prize, Retail Sales Agents must verify the win through the central validation system.
3. Retail Sales Agents must denote completed payment of a winning Ticket by punching a hole through the Bar-code on the Ticket and retaining the Ticket until the book has been sold.
4. Retail Sales Agents are prohibited by law from selling National Lottery Tickets to persons under 18 years of age.

### 8. Determination of Prize Winners

1. The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game 1 of the Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to a prize of €25,000.
2. The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game 1 of the Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to a prize of €250.
3. The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game 1 of the Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to a prize of €100.
4. The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game 1 of the Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to a prize of €50.
5. The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game 1 of the Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to a prize of €20.

6. The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game 1 of the Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to a prize of €10.
7. The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game 1 of the Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to a prize of €5.
8. The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game 1 of the Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to a prize of €3.
9. The owner of a Ticket containing two  Play Symbols in Game 2 of the Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to a prize of a 225g box of Butler's Chocolate Assortment.
10. The owner of a Ticket containing two  Play Symbols in Game 2 of the Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to a prize of a shopping voucher to the value of €200. No cash alternative is available for a shopping voucher.
11. The owner of a Ticket containing two  Play Symbol in Game 2 of the Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to a prize of a Hamper Voucher to the value of €500. No cash alternative is available for a Hamper Voucher.
12. In any event only one prize shall be awarded on a winning ticket, provided that the ticket otherwise meets the criteria established in the section relating to Ticket Validation.

## 9. Ticket Validation

To be a valid **Hampers, Sweets & Treats** National Lottery Ticket the following conditions must be met:

1. Exactly twelve Play Symbols must appear in the Play Area.
2. Each of the twelve Play Symbols and its caption in the Play Area must be present in its entirety, must be fully legible, and must be printed in grey/black ink.
3. The Validation/Security Number must be present in its entirety, must be fully legible, must be printed in grey/black ink and must correspond, using the Company's codes, to the apparent Play Symbols on the Ticket.
4. The Ticket must be fully intact.
5. The Game/Book/Ticket number must be present in its entirety, must be fully legible, and must be printed in grey/black ink.
6. The Bar-Code must be present in its entirety, must be readable and must be printed in grey/black ink.
7. The Data Matrix Bar-code must be present in its entirety, must be readable and must be printed in grey/black ink.
8. The thirteen character alpha-numeric Bonus Draw code must be present in its entirety, must be readable and must be printed in grey/black ink.

9. The Ticket must not be mutilated, altered, unreadable, or tampered with in any manner.
10. The Ticket must not be counterfeit in whole or in part.
11. The Ticket must have been purchased through an authorised Retail Sales Agent before the official close of Game.
12. The Ticket must have been issued by the Company in an authorised manner.
13. The Ticket must not be stolen.
14. The Play Symbols, Game/Book/Ticket Number and Validation/Security Number must be right-side-up and not reversed in any manner.
15. The Ticket must be complete, not blank, or partially blank, must not have a hole punched through it, must not be miscut, must not be marked void, and must have exactly twelve Play Symbols and exactly twelve correct captions, exactly one Validation/Security Number and exactly one Game/Book/Ticket number on both the front and the back.
16. The Validation/Security Number of all winning Tickets must appear on the Company's official file, and only one Instant Prize payment will be made on any individual winning Ticket.
17. The Ticket must not be misregistered, defective, or produced in error.
18. Each of the Play Symbols and its caption appearing on the Ticket must be printed in accordance with the official font schedule for Game 235 Hampers, Sweets & Treats as agreed between the Company and the ticket manufacturer.
19. The captions associated with the Play Symbols must each be printed in accordance with the official font schedule for Game 235 Hampers, Sweets & Treats as agreed between the Company and the ticket manufacturer.
20. The Validation/Security Number must be printed in accordance with the official font schedule for Game 235 Hampers, Sweets & Treats as agreed between the Company and the ticket manufacturer.
21. The Game/Book/Ticket number must be printed in accordance with the official font schedule for Game 235 Hampers, Sweets & Treats as agreed between the Company and the ticket manufacturer.
22. The display printing must not be irregular in any respect.
23. The Ticket must pass all additional confidential validation tests of the Company. Any Ticket not passing all the validation tests mentioned is void and is ineligible for any Instant Prize. In all cases of doubt, the decision of the Company will be final and binding. However, the Company may, at its discretion, replace an invalid Ticket with an unplayed Ticket or Tickets. Should a defective Ticket be purchased, the only responsibility of the Company shall be the replacement of the defective Ticket with an unplayed Ticket of equivalent sales price.

## **10. Ticket Responsibility**

1. The Company will not be responsible for lost or stolen Tickets.
2. The Company will not be responsible for Tickets redeemed in error for a lower Instant Prize at a Retail Sales Agent location. In the event that the matter cannot be resolved directly with the relevant Retail Sales Agent, then the winner can

contact the Company requesting that the Company follow up with the Retail Sales Agent, as appropriate.

3. The Company shall not be obliged to pay any Instant Prizes which are not claimed within 90 days of the announced end of the game.
4. Where a winning Ticket is presented either to the Company or its authorised Retail Sales Agent by a person other than the purchaser and the Ticket passes all the Company's validation tests, the payment of the Instant Prizes shall discharge the Company from any liability to the purchaser. In all other cases, the Company will be discharged from any liability after payment of Instant Prizes.

## 11. Bonus Draw

There will be twelve Bonus Draws in total, eleven weekly draws will commence on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and end on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019, with one final Bonus Draw to be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

A Player must be over eighteen years of age to enter and win a prize in the Bonus Draw.

To enter a Bonus Draw a Player must reveal the thirteen character alpha-numeric code printed on the front of each ticket and follow the entry method outlined in the Bonus Draw procedure in these Game Rules. Entries to the Bonus Draw will be accepted from the following National Lottery games:

1. Game 235 €3 Hampers Sweets & Treats – three entries per Ticket.
2. Game 236 €5 Merry Money – five entries per Ticket.
3. Game 237 €10 Christmas Countdown – ten entries per Ticket.

A player may only win one prize in any one Bonus Draw.

Each Bonus Draw Procedure will be carried out in accordance with procedures set down by the Company.

To enter a Bonus Draw a Player must:

- Reveal the thirteen character alpha-numeric code contained in the Bonus Draw play area of a Ticket.
- Visit [www.lottery.ie](http://www.lottery.ie) and enter through the Bonus Draw entry webform or enter through the National Lottery Apple or Android apps.
- Players must enter the thirteen character alpha-numeric code contained in the Bonus Draw play area of a ticket and any other mandatory details requested on the Bonus Draw entry webform.
- A validation process will be carried out to ensure that each thirteen character alpha-numeric code is valid and only entered once into the Bonus Draw.
- For each code entered from a €3 Hampers Sweets & Treats Game 235 Ticket a Player will receive three entries.
- Upon completion of an entry, a player receives a confirmation on site of entry and details of the number of entries they have received and which have been registered. The National Lottery will also send an email to the email address supplied restating the information provided on the confirmation page.



- Entries close each week at 10am on a Friday. Any valid entries received after that time are automatically entered into the next Bonus Draw.
- From Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, a weekly draw will be conducted from all valid entries to select five winners of €1,000 each. A final Bonus Draw to select five winners of €1,000 each will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to ensure any remaining entries received post 10 am on 20<sup>th</sup> December have the opportunity to enter the draw.
- Each Bonus Draw will be conducted under security conditions in the presence of an appointed independent observer. Winners will be contacted directly by the National Lottery via the contact details provided on the draw entry webform.

### **Bonus Draw Prize Payment**

Immediately after each Bonus Draw the National Lottery, using the details provided at registration, will contact each of the five winners of €1,000 to verify their identity and proof of age.

Each winner is required to complete a declaration form and provide a copy of a suitable form of identification (e.g. drivers licence, passport). Prizes will not issue to a person under the age of eighteen years whether that person is acting on their own behalf or on behalf of another person.

Upon receipt of the completed declaration form and verification of a winner's identity and proof of age, the National Lottery will send a cheque for €1,000 to the winner's verified address.

After each draw the name and location details of each winner will be displayed on a dedicated Christmas Bonus Draw Results page on [www.lottery.ie](http://www.lottery.ie).

## **12. Payment of Prizes**

1. Instant Prizes of €3, €5, Butler's Chocolates, €10, €20, €50 and €100, may be redeemed:
  - a) in exchange for a completed winning Ticket and following Ticket validation procedure at:
    - any Retail Sales Agent; and
    - all prize claim centre agents (for prizes of Butler's Chocolates the cash equivalent may be issued); and
    - National Lottery Headquarters; or
  - b) by posting the signed Ticket complete with name and address, to the Company's headquarters at the claimant's sole risk (for prizes of Butler's Chocolates a cheque for the cash equivalent will be issued).
2. Instant Prizes of €250 may be redeemed:
  - a) in exchange for a completed winning Ticket and following Ticket validation procedure at:
    - a Retail Sales Agent, with the Retail Sales Agent's consent; and

- all prize claim centre agents; and
  - National Lottery Headquarters; or
- b) by posting the signed Ticket complete with name and address, to the Company's headquarters at the claimant's sole risk.
3. Instant Prizes of €200 Shopping Voucher may be redeemed:
- a) in exchange for a completed winning Ticket and following Ticket validation procedure at:
    - all prize claim centre agents; and
    - National Lottery Headquarters; or
    - By posting the signed Ticket complete with name and address, to the Company's headquarters at the claimant's sole risk.
4. Instant Prizes of €500 Hamper Voucher may be redeemed:
- a) in exchange for a completed winning Ticket and following Ticket validation procedure at:
    - National Lottery Headquarters; or
  - b) By posting the signed Ticket complete with name and address, to the Company's headquarters at the claimant's sole risk.
5. Instant Prizes of €25,000 must be claimed in person at the Company's headquarters, in exchange for a completed winning Ticket and following Ticket validation procedure.
6. A list of the prize claim agents is available at [www.lottery.ie](http://www.lottery.ie).
7. Instant Prizes must be claimed within 90 days of the announced end of the game.
8. The Company will be discharged from any liability after payment or posting of Instant Prizes.
9. After the expiration of 90 days from the announced end of the game, unclaimed Instant Prizes will be forfeited. For Instant Prizes which may only be claimed from prize claim centre agents or from the Company's headquarters in the event that the 90<sup>th</sup> day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, the time limit shall expire at 5.30 pm on the next working day. The unclaimed prize money shall be allocated to a special reserve fund to be utilised by the Company in accordance with the National Lottery Licence.
10. The official game end date for Game 235 Hampers, Sweets & Treats is 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
11. The last date for the claiming of any Instant Prize in Game 235 Hampers, Sweets & Treats is 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

### **13. Instant Prizes**

1. The total number of Instant Prize winning Tickets in the game as designed shall be no less than 503,319.
2. The total number of instant money prizes in the game as designed, shall be no less than 367,659.

3. The odds of winning an Instant Prize are 1 in 3.58 on average.
4. The odds of winning a money prize are 1 in 4.90 on average.
5. At time of purchase some Instant Prizes may have already been won.

#### 14. Prize Amounts, Number of Prizes and Odds

Prize Amount	Approximate Odds 1 in	No. of Winners in Game	No. of Tickets in Game 1,800,000
€3	17.91	100,500	
€5	8.57	210,000	
CHOCS	13.33	135,000	
€10	39.22	45,900	
€20	200.00	9,000	
€50	882.35	2,040	
€100	10,000.00	180	
€250	50,000.00	36	
€25,000	600,000.00	3	
SHOPPING VOUCHER	5,000.00	360	
HAMPER VoUCHER	6,000.00	300	

The total value of prizes in the Game as designed, including contribution of €30,000 to the overall pool for the Bonus Draws, is €3,594,000 which means that the likely proportion of the proceeds of the Game which is expected to be paid in prizes is 66.56%.

#### 15. Termination of Game

The Company will announce a termination date for the game, after which no further Tickets may be sold. Such announcement or announcements will be disseminated through media used to advertise or promote the game or through other normal communications media.