

Fact Sheet

Gambling Act 2003: FACT SHEET 39 - EMS

Changes to gaming machine metering under the Electronic Monitoring System ("EMS")

Once gaming machines are connected to EMS, they will use the QCOM Protocol to communicate with EMS via the site controller. The QCOM protocol has a different set of accounting meters to the standard meters you have previously used.

What does this mean?

- While they can be accessed in the same manner, QCOM meters do not use the same names (and in some cases do not have the same functionality) as those you have been used to
- EMS reports will be based on information collected by the QCOM meters
- If you are using Electronic Meter Access via a venue PC it will only report QCOM meters.

Will the standard meters still be available?

Yes, connection to EMS will not substantially affect these, and they will still be accessible in the normal manner via the gaming machine audit/accounting menu or menus. **There will be some changes under EMS operation to the way in which jackpot wins are recorded.**

However you will need to use the QCOM meters for virtually all practical purposes once gambling equipment is connected to EMS.

What are the differences?

See the following table for commonly used meters.

Be aware that some gaming machine manufacturers use different meter names from the Standard, for example:

- "Games played" is often called "Stroke"
- "Money in/Money out" is sometimes called "Cash in/Cash out".

A full comparison table of QCOM meter names, identification numbers, descriptions, National Standard meter names, and functions will be published on the Department's website at www.dia.govt.nz

More information

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QCOM Meters [All meters are in units of cents unless otherwise shown]	A/NZ GM National Standard Meters [Audit screen & hard meters, where provided]	
TOTAL EGM STROKE Count of total games played, not including free spins or residual gamble	GAMES PLAYED Total number of games played	[plays]
TOTAL EGM TURNOVER Cents played	TURNOVER Total value in dollars of bets made from the player's credit meter (note gamble bets such as double up are not bet from the player's credit meter)	[\$,]
TOTAL EGM WINS Added to credit meter	TOTAL WINS Total value in dollars of all prizes awarded to the player's credit meter (incl. Residual Credit Gamble prizes) After EMS connection only the IGT variant of download jackpot will credit jackpot wins to this meter	[\$,]
TOTAL EGM CANCEL CREDIT Or hand pays	CANCELLED CREDITS Total of all credits cancelled from the Credit meter by attendant	[\$,]
TOTAL EGM COINS/TOKENS TO CASH BOX	CASH BOX Total of all coins deposited to the cash (drop) box	[\$,]
TOTAL EGM COINS/TOKENS IN Excl. refills	COINS IN Total of all coins in, but not hopper refills	[\$,]
TOTAL EGM COINS/TOKENS OUT ie. hopper collects	COINS OUT Total of all coins out from hopper, but not extra coins out or short pays	[\$,]
TOTAL EGM NOTE ACCEPTOR CENTS IN	BANKNOTES IN Total of all banknotes accepted	[\$,]
TOTAL EGM CASHLESS CREDIT IN This meter will be used for all jackpot wins awarded by downloadable jackpot systems. They will also be included in "Total EGM Cents In" (Money In)	CASHLESS IN Total of all credits electronically transferred to the gaming machine (if applicable), or paid to credit meter and not added to Total Wins. After EMS connection all download jackpot wins except IGT will go to this meter	[\$,]
TOTAL EGM CASHLESS OUT (Not used in this jurisdiction)	CASHLESS OUT (Not used in this jurisdiction) Total of all credits electronically transferred from the gaming machine, if applicable	[\$,]
TOTAL EGM CENTS IN Coins/Tokens, Notes and Cashless In	MONEY IN Total value in dollars of coins and or banknotes inserted to register credits on the player's credit meter together with transfers to the machine to register credits on the player's credit meter. After EMS connection all download jackpot wins except IGT will go to this meter	[\$,]
TOTAL EGM CENTS OUT Coins/Tokens Out Note This meter does not include Cancelled credits	MONEY OUT Total value in dollars of credits redeemed from the player's credit meter by hopper pay, ticket print, cancelled credit or account transfer, but not extra coin out errors or short pays	[\$,]
TOTAL EGM DOWNLOAD JACKPOT WINS E.g Cashcade jackpot wins	(No Equivalent)	[\$,]
TOTAL EGM HOPPER REFILLS	HOPPER REFILL Total of all hopper refills	[\$,]