



te kaunihera ā-rohe o
matamata-piako
district council



Kaupapahere mō ngā Wāhi TAB 2025 | TAB Venue Policy 2025

For Council Adoption

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Policy Supersedes	TAB Venue Policy 2022

1. Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to meet the requirements of the Racing Industry Act 2020 and set out whether or not TAB Venues may be established in the district and, if so, where they may be located.

2. Ngā Whinga | Objectives

The objectives of this Policy are to:

- a. Support the purpose and intent of the Act;
- b. Control the growth of gambling while allowing those who wish to participate in sports or racing gambling to do so within the Matamata-Piako District; and
- c. Have regard to the social impacts of gambling and reduce the risk of gambling exposure of persons under 18 year old; and
- d. Avoid the establishment of Tab Venues in locations proximate to residential areas, or other identified sensitive sites.

3. Ngā Tautuhinga | Definitions

Term	Definition
The Act	The Racing Industry Act 2020
Authorised officer	Means any person or delegated body appointed or authorised by the Council to carry out duties and exercise powers under this Policy.
Council	Matamata-Piako District Council
TAB	Totalisator Agency Board
TAB Venue	Premises that are owned or leased by the New Zealand Racing Board and where the main business carried on at the premises is providing racing, betting or sports betting services under the Racing Industry Act 2020.
Council	Matamata-Piako District Council
LGA	Local Government Act 2002
Primary activity	The activity or activities primarily associated with and promoted by the Venue.
Sensitive sites	Includes: (a) any community facility including park and reserve, playground, library, museum, community hall or recreational facility, or Marae, or place of worship; (b) any school, kindergarten, childcare facilities, or other educational institution; (c) any premises occupied by a social welfare

Term	Definition
	agency such as the Salvation Army, Work and Income or similar agency. [Insert hyperlink]

4. Ngā tūnga TAB tepenga | TAB venue cap

The total number of TAB Venues that may operate in the district at one time shall not exceed three (3) venues; and

No more than one (1) TAB Venue may operate in each of the three main towns at one time.¹

The cap will remain in place until the next review of this policy.

5. Ngā wāhi o ngā tūnga | TAB venue location

No new venue shall be located within 100 metres radius of the legal boundary of a sensitive site.

Applications that do not meet this requirement may be considered by the Authorised officer on a case-by-case basis, and shall be subject to Council approval.

Council's preference is that TAB venues be located within the Business Zone. Where an application is made to locate outside of the Business Zone under the Matamata-Piako District Plan, the application will be considered on a case-by-case basis and shall be subject to Council approval.

¹ Each 'town' is defined by the Statistics New Zealand Statistical Area 2 (SA2), with Matamata being the sum of Matamata North and Matamata South, Morrinsville being the sum of Morrinsville East and Morrinsville West, and Te Aroha being the sum of Te Aroha East and Te Aroha West.

6. Ngā Tononga Whakaritenga | Application requirements

Applications to Council to operate a TAB Venue in the district may be lodged at any time.

Applications to the Council for a TAB Venue consent must be made on the approved form and must provide:

- a) Name and contact details for the applicant, the Corporate Society, the venue trading name(s), and any other name(s) related to the venue;
- b) Street address of the proposed TAB Venue;
- c) The legal description clearly identifying the area where the proposed venue is to be located;
- d) Any other relevant information requested by the Council, or that the applicant wishes to provide in support of the application.

Application fees will be set by Matamata-Piako District Council from time to time, and shall consider the costs of processing the application, and any consultation or hearings that may be required.

The Authorised officer approved by Council shall consider all applications for class 4 venue consents received²; and

The Authorised officer approved by Council shall consider the social impact for all applications it receives.

The Authorised officer approved by Council, may suspend consideration of, or refuse consent where any part of the application falls outside of this Policy or where further information is required.

The Authorised officer will notify the applicant of its decision as per Section 95(2) of the Act.

² Refer to Council Delegations Policy and Register for delegated body.

7. Mahi Matua o ngā Wāhi TAB | Primary activity of TAB venues

The primary activity of any venue shall be to conduct race and sports betting in a standalone TAB Venue under the Racing Industry Act 2020.

If a TAB venue wishes to also host gaming machines, a separate application must be made under Council's Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy.

8. Te Arotakenga | Review

In addition to the statutory requirements to review the Policy every three years, Council may elect to review this Policy at any time in order to meet the needs of the organisation and best practice.