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Evaluation procedure gambling machines

Once the Federal Gaming Board (FGB) has received all requisite application documents (cf. *Instructions on application requirements*), applicants will be invited to give a demonstration of the gambling machine at the FGB's offices in Bern. At the same time, the source code will be compiled. Customarily, the applicant will be required to pay an advance on costs between 8,000 and 10,000 Swiss francs.

Depending on the quality and complexity of the application documents submitted, the evaluation phase may take up to six months before the Commission reaches a decision. Open issues will be continually addressed and discussed with applicants. The FGB is free to commission an external institute with conducting specific tests.

Depending on the results of the evaluation, applicants may submit an upgraded specimen of the gambling machine. As a rule, the evaluation procedure begins anew.

Upon conclusion of the evaluation procedure, the Commission issues a decision qualifying the type of gambling machine submitted as either a money-operated game of skill machine or a game of chance machine. An application may be withdrawn at any time during the evaluation procedure, with costs.

The FGB levies cost-covering charges. Evaluations by specialists (lawyers and engineers) are billed at 250 Swiss francs per hour, Commission members' fee is 325 Swiss francs per hour.

Applicants bear all costs for testing done by an external institute.

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