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## **TEXAS LOTTERY'S NATIONAL CERTIFICATION FOR RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING PROGRAM EXTENDED AND ELEVATED**

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(AUSTIN) – The Texas Lottery has announced that its responsible gambling program has been verified by the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) and the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries (NASPL) at the “Implementation Level,” an upgrade from the “Planning Level” verification received in 2018. The latest certification extends the Texas Lottery’s responsible gambling verification to February 2021.

The Texas Lottery was among the first group of U.S. lotteries to participate in the 2019 NASPL-NCPG Parallel Verification Process (PVP) that provides a pathway for lotteries that have achieved World Lottery Association (WLA) responsible gambling certification to qualify for the appropriate NASPL-NCPG Responsible Gambling Verification level. The Texas Lottery achieved WLA Level 3 responsible gambling certification in 2016.

“As the Texas Lottery continues to experience record sales growth, we remain focused on taking responsible gambling seriously, while staying committed to principles outlined by NASPL and NCPG,” said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. “We are excited to have our responsible gambling standards elevated to the Implementation Level and we look forward to enhancing our social responsibility of improving our responsible gambling initiatives.”

To achieve NASPL-NCPG verification at the Implementation Level, an independent assessment panel with responsible gambling expertise evaluated the Texas Lottery’s efforts in several areas, including: planning, employee training, retailer training, public education and awareness, product oversight, research and evaluation, advertising and resources.

The Texas Lottery provides awareness training for retailers, vendors, employees and makes resource information available through the dedicated [PLAY RESPONSIBLY page on its website](#) and brochures displayed at more than 19,000 licensed lottery retail locations across Texas. Responsible gambling messages are also featured in employee and retailer communications, and on the Texas Lottery’s official social media accounts. The Texas Lottery is a member of WLA, NASPL and a Silver member of NCPG. Additionally, it participates in the NCPG-McGill University holiday campaign to prevent underage gambling and in the National Problem Gambling Awareness Month campaign conducted annually in March.

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About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$30 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$63 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$24.6 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance. Since the first veterans' themed scratch ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$128 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including Powerball®, Mega Millions®, Lotto Texas®, All or Nothing™, Texas Two Step®, Pick 3™, Daily 4™, Cash Five® and scratch ticket games. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or at [www.txlottery.org](http://www.txlottery.org).  
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**Editors/News Directors, note:** The Texas Lottery's Responsible Gaming Verification Standards certificate from NASPL and NCPG is attached in PDF format.

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