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Vending Machine Purchase and Reinvestment Limits

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[RCW 34.05.230](#) Interpretive and policy statements.

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References:

- [RCW 67.70.040](#) Powers and duties of commission – When legislative approval required
- [RCW 67.70.050](#) Office of the Director created – Appointment – Salary – Duties

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Purpose: This policy statement describes Washington's Lottery's current standards and limits for player purchases from lottery vending machines.

Definitions:

Lottery Vending Machine or LVM: A stand-alone self-service vending machine from which draw and/or Scratch lottery tickets may be purchased.

Reinvest or Reinvestment: Players are able to apply the proceeds from winning tickets to purchase additional tickets by scanning the winning ticket at an LVM and choosing the reinvestment option. Because LVMs do not provide cash back, a player must reinvest the entire amount of a winning ticket when selecting this option.

POLICY STATEMENT

Washington's Lottery recognizes its unique position as a state agency that sells gambling products (i.e., lottery tickets). It further recognizes that while most people gamble for entertainment and do so responsibly and within their means, a small percentage of the population may experience negative effects from gambling.

To promote responsible play, Washington's Lottery's vending machines shall have the following purchase limits:

I. Debit Card Purchases

LVMs may accept debit cards. Debit card purchases are limited to \$700 during a seven-day period for each card used. The \$700 limit is calculated based on a rolling seven-day cycle. For example: If a player first uses a debit card on a Monday, the rolling seven-day period will extend through the following Sunday.

There is no limit to the number of debit cards that may be used by a player.

II. Reinvestment of Winning Tickets

To avoid unintentional or irresponsible play, LVMs will not allow more than \$500 in reinvestment during a single transaction.

III. Cash

LVMs accept up to \$500 in a single transaction.

IV. Credit Cards

LVMs do not accept credit cards.