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Further to our letter of 17th March 2020, we have received an email response from the Gambling Commission:

From: Graham Burgin

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 11:17 AM

To: anna.wolffe, robin.grossmith

Subject: Reply to letter from Robin Grossmith

Hi Anna and Robin

Firstly, I hope you and your families are staying healthy during these unique and difficult times.

Thank you for your engagement and apologies for the slight delay in responding.

I can confirm that your letter has been circulated internally to members of our Leadership team (including the Programme Director for Licensing) and Communications team.

We have now published information on our website - [here](#) and [here](#). It includes wider guidance in light of COVID-19 and specific information in relation to licence applications. In this evolving landscape we are advising stakeholders to visit our website regularly for updates – and to do likewise with gov.uk which contains information in relation to areas such as business and employment support.

Unfortunately, due to the way that our fee system is structured we don't have the ability to reduce fees. Therefore, at point of renewal, licensees will be expected to assess their likely level of racecourse attendance and pay applicable fees for the relevant category based on **known information at that time**. Clearly, licensees estimations will be impacted by the status of British racing which is currently cancelled in Britain until the end of April. What happens thereafter is unknown.

Separately, in relation to the Ascot age verification exercise, licensees subject to on-going case work should contact their Case Manager with any representations relevant to their case.

Happy to chat this through if it would be helpful to you.

Thanks

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Footnote:

The Directors of the FRB will endeavour to work with Government departments in order to achieve a satisfactory outcome on the behalf of ALL bookmakers and we will keep you up to date on any progress.