

### 99G.3 Definitions.

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

1. “*Administrative expenses*” includes, but is not limited to, personnel costs, travel, purchase of equipment, and all other expenses not directly associated with the operation or sale of a game.
2. “*Administrator*” means the administrator of the Iowa lottery appointed pursuant to [section 99G.5](#).
3. “*Commission*” means the Iowa lottery commission created in [section 99G.8](#).
4. “*Department*” means the department of revenue.
5. “*Director*” means the director of revenue or the director’s designee.
6. “*Division*” means the Iowa lottery division of the department of revenue.
7. “*Game specific rules*” means rules governing the particular features of specific games, including, but not limited to, setting the name, ticket price, prize structure, and prize claim period of the game.
8. “*Instant lottery*” or “*instant ticket*” means a game that offers preprinted tickets such that when a protective coating is scratched or scraped away, it indicates immediately whether the player has won.
9. “*Lottery*”, “*lotteries*”, “*lottery game*”, “*lottery games*”, or “*lottery products*” means any game of chance approved and operated pursuant to [this chapter](#) and games using mechanical or electronic devices, provided that the division shall not authorize a monitor vending machine or a player-activated gaming machine that utilizes an internal randomizer to determine winning and nonwinning plays and that upon random internal selection of a winning play dispenses coins, currency, or a ticket, credit, or token to the player that is redeemable for cash or a prize, and excluding gambling or gaming conducted pursuant to [chapter 99B](#), [99D](#), or [99F](#).
10. “*Lotto*” means a lottery game connected to a central computer via telecommunications in which a specified group of numbers, symbols, or characters are selected out of a predetermined range.
11. “*Major procurement contract*” means a consulting agreement or a contract with a business organization for the printing of tickets or the purchase or lease of equipment or services essential to the operation of a lottery game.
12. “*Monitor vending machine*” means a machine or other similar electronic device that includes a video monitor and audio capabilities that dispenses to a purchaser lottery tickets that have been determined to be winning or losing tickets by a predetermined pool drawing machine prior to the dispensing of the tickets.
13. “*Net proceeds*” means all revenue derived from the sale of lottery tickets or shares and all other moneys derived from the lottery, less operating expenses.
14. “*Operating expenses*” means all costs of doing business, including, but not limited to, prizes and associated prize reserves, computerized gaming system vendor expense, instant and pull-tab ticket expense, and other expenses directly associated with the operation or sale of any game, compensation paid to retailers, advertising and marketing costs, and administrative expenses.
15. “*Pull-tab ticket*” or “*pull-tab*” means a game that offers preprinted paper tickets with the play data hidden beneath a protective tab or seal that when opened reveals immediately whether the player has won.
16. “*Retailer*” means a person who sells lottery tickets or shares on behalf of the division pursuant to a license issued by the department.
17. “*Self-service kiosk*” means a machine or other similar electronic device that dispenses only lotto tickets, instant tickets, pull-tab tickets, or other printed lottery products, and that does not provide a visual or audio representation of lottery game play. A “*self-service kiosk*” is not a monitor vending machine or player-activated gaming machine for purposes of [this chapter](#).
18. “*Share*” means any intangible evidence of participation in a lottery game.
19. “*Ticket*” means any tangible evidence issued by the lottery to provide participation in a lottery game.

20. “Vendor” means a person who provides or proposes to provide goods or services to the department pursuant to a major procurement contract, but does not include an employee of the department under [this chapter](#), a retailer, or a state agency or instrumentality thereof.

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