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## Voluntary Self-Exclusion and Jackpot Ineligibility

Voluntary Self-Exclusion (VSE) is a voluntary program, a personal commitment and one tool that may assist people in taking responsibility for their gambling: family members or friends cannot exclude someone.

Individuals can choose between a six month, one year, two year or three year commitment. Their commitment cannot be revoked and they will be removed from BCLC mailing lists during this period.

At enrolment, individuals are provided the opportunity for a facilitated referral to a problem gambling counselor, which the provincial government provides free of charge anywhere in B.C.

To help support people with their VSE commitment, we have put in place several layers of detection and deterrents including license plate recognition technology.

On April 1, 2009, pursuant to its rule-making authority under the *Gaming Control Act*, BCLC changed its rules and made individuals who are voluntarily self-excluded or barred from gaming facilities [ineligible for jackpot prizes](#).

The jackpot disentitlement rule is intended as a deterrent for self-excluded people. External reviews of BCLC's VSE program, as well as feedback from VSE participants themselves, have highlighted the need for disincentives such as these.

The VSE Form implemented after April 1, 2009 contains language in which VSE enrollees acknowledge their non-entitlement to Jackpot Prizes purportedly "won" while gambling during the term of their self-exclusion.

In June 2010, the *Gaming Control Act* was amended explicitly to include this rule as part of the Act.