



Poker Machine Testing

- The technical requirements that every game and machine must satisfy before it can be approved for distribution and play are developed and enforced by State and Territory regulators.
- Every game and machine is tested by independent accredited testing facilities (ATFs) before being submitted to regulators for approval.
- ATFs employ highly-skilled independent engineers, mathematicians and other technical specialists to assess gaming equipment against the technical requirements and make recommendations to regulators.
- These recommendations are presented in the form of a test report and provide regulators with sufficient information to determine whether to approve a game or machine or not.
- Like the machines and games, ATFs are subject to ongoing review by regulators with quality of testing and reporting output regularly scrutinised.
- In some jurisdictions, ATFs are licensed under gaming legislation and undergo comprehensive probity investigations of the company, associated entities and, in some cases, those individuals testing the equipment.
- Once poker machines or related equipment have been approved by regulators and installed in venues, they are monitored to ensure ongoing compliance with the standards under which they were approved.