

LOTTERY PRIZE AMOUNTS OF \$600 OR GREATER ARE REPORTED TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.
THE OHIO LOTTERY ISSUES A W-2G FORM TO THE WINNER.
WINNERS SHARING A PRIZE MUST CONTACT THE NEAREST OHIO LOTTERY REGIONAL OFFICE.

RETAILER CLAIM PROCESSING INFORMATION

AFTER VALIDATING AN ORIGINAL TICKET THAT PRODUCES A PAY TO BEARER OR FILE CLAIM FORM RECEIPT, ATTACH THE RECEIPT AND ORIGINAL TICKET TO THE CLAIM FORM AND GIVE ALL DOCUMENTS TO THE CLAIMANT.

RECEIPT TYPES AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

- A Cash/Pay receipt is generated when the prize amount is less than \$600. Such payments are the responsibility of the Lottery retailer.
- A Pay to Bearer receipt is generated when the prize amount is from \$600 to \$5,000. Payment options are authorized cashing locations or check processing.
- A File Claim Form receipt is generated when the prize amount is over \$5,000. Prize winners must follow the check payment procedures below. If the prize is a jackpot or an annuity prize (for example, \$100,000 per year for 20 years), call your nearest Ohio Lottery Regional Office to make an appointment to submit the claim.

I. CASHING LOCATIONS METHOD OF PAYMENT

Requires presenting a completed Claim Form, a Pay to Bearer receipt, and original ticket to an authorized cashing location to obtain same day payment. Proper identification is required. A valid photo identification (for example, a driver's license) containing the ticket holder's current address will fulfill this requirement.

CASHING LOCATIONS PROCEDURES

1. Claimant signs the original ticket and presents it to the Lottery retailer for validation.
2. Lottery retailer will validate the original ticket.
3. Lottery retailer will give the claimant the Pay to Bearer receipt AND the original ticket (or staple both documents to the Claim Form).
4. The claimant will present all documents to an authorized cashing location.

II. CHECK PAYMENT METHOD

Check will be processed **within** 30 business days, free of charge, unless circumstances such as payment of child or spousal support, State debt or incomplete information require additional processing time. This payment method is optional for prize amounts from \$600 to \$5,000 and is required for any prize amount over \$5,000.

CHECK PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Claimant will present a signed original ticket to a Lottery retail location for validation.
2. Lottery retailer will give the claimant the **Pay to Bearer/File Claim Form** receipt, **AND** the original ticket.
3. Claimant will sign the **Pay to Bearer/File Claim Form** receipt.
4. The Claim Form must be completed and signed, regardless of state/county residence.
5. Mail the Claim Form, original ticket, and receipt(s) registered or certified to:

**The Ohio Lottery – Room 452
615 West Superior Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44113-1879**

If you send by mail, keep a copy of the Claim Form, original ticket, and receipts for your records.

VALIDATION

All tickets have limited validation periods established by the Ohio Lottery. Present rules call for tickets to be cashed within 180 days of the draw date, purchase date of EZPLAY Games, or 180 days from the game closing for Instant Tickets.

OHIO LOTTERY

REGIONAL OFFICES:

Cleveland

1100 Resource Drive
Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131
216-774-5671

Toledo

315 Arco Drive
Toledo, OH 43607
1-800-589-6442

Dayton

7462 Webster Street
Dayton, OH 45414
1-800-589-6463

Cincinnati

10840 Kenwood Road
Cincinnati, OH 45242
1-800-589-9882

Columbus

780 Morrison Road
Columbus, OH 43230
1-800-589-6445

Athens

190 West Union St. Suite 101
Athens, OH 45701
1-800-589-6466

Akron-Canton

5926 Mayfair Road
North Canton, OH 44720
1-800-589-6467

Youngstown

242 Federal Plaza West
Youngstown, OH 44503
1-800-589-6468

Lorain

300 West Erie & Broadway
Lorain, OH 44052
1-800-589-6469

THE OHIO LOTTERY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST MAIL

Claimant may also validate the ticket and complete Claim Form at any of the Ohio Lottery's Regional Offices

www.ohiolottery.com • CUSTOMER SERVICE: 1-800-686-4208