



I Have a Winning Ticket! What Happens Next?

All Arizona Lottery retailers will redeem prizes up to \$100 and may redeem prizes up to \$599. You can redeem all prize amounts at the Phoenix or Tucson Lottery office.

Prizes for ScratchersSM, The PickTM, Fantasy 5TM, Weekly WinningsTM, 2by2TM, and Pick 3TM, are paid the same day they are validated. Mega Millions[®] and Powerball[®] prizes, except for the jackpots, are also paid on the day of validation. Mega Millions and Powerball jackpots take approximately 14 business days from drawing date before your winnings are available.

For a corporation, limited liability company, or trust to claim a Lottery prize, it must:

- Be an Arizona Corporation LLC, or authorized to do business in Arizona, or present trust documents
- Authorize, in writing, an individual to claim the prize

Because the Lottery must review these documents, it may take more time to claim a prize.



\$95,000,000 Powerball[®] Winner

If you're mailing your claim:

If your prize is under \$600, no claim form is required. Complete the back of the ticket (make a copy for your records) and mail it to: Arizona Lottery, Box 2913, Phoenix, AZ 85062-2913. Please allow approximately two to three weeks for processing.

If your prize is \$600 or more, complete the back of the ticket (make a copy for your records), fill out a claim form, make a copy of the front and back of your driver license or State ID, and mail the information to: Arizona Lottery, Box 2913, Phoenix, AZ 85062-2913. Although most claims are turned around quickly, please allow four weeks for processing.

I won the jackpot! What are my options?

You have 60 days to choose either:

- A 26-year annuity (Mega Millions) or a 30-year annuity (Powerball, The Pick), or
- a lump-sum cash payment (approximately half the amount of the announced jackpot minus applicable taxes)

If you do not select cash or annuity within 60 days, your prize will be paid as an annuity (inheritable).

What forms of identification do I need to claim my prize?

- A driver license, or
- A government-issued identification with photo, or
- Two forms of other acceptable identification (please contact a Lottery representative for the list)



\$200,000
Powerball
Winner

Please note:

- All mail-in claims and claims of \$600 or more are paid by check.
- The Lottery cannot direct deposit winnings.

I play in a Lottery pool. How can we claim our prize?

In order to redeem the winning pool ticket, the Lottery needs:

- The original ticket
- All members' completed Winner Claim Forms
- Copies of members' driver licenses or government issued IDs.

One person may be designated to be the representative and bring in all of the information for the group.

Each pool member will receive a check with applicable taxes deducted and their own W2-G.

\$200,000 Powerball
Office Pool Winners



Will taxes or any other deductions be taken out of my winnings?

US Citizens and Resident Aliens: All lottery prizes over \$599 and at least 300 times the amount of the wager are reportable to the IRS. If the prize is over \$5000 taxes will be withheld. The rate of withholding is 25% for federal taxes and 5% for Arizona state income taxes.

Non-Resident Aliens: All lottery prizes over \$599 and at least 300 times the amount of the wager are reportable to the IRS. If the prize is a reportable amount, the taxes will be withheld immediately. The rate of withholding is 30% for federal taxes and 6% for Arizona state income taxes.

Winners may be liable for more or less taxes when they report winnings to the IRS. You may wish to consult with a tax advisor regarding tax obligations.

If you apply the 300 times IRS Rule on a \$10 ticket, you would have to win at least \$3,010. The IRS states that any lottery winnings must be reported.

If I owe the State of Arizona money, will it be deducted from my winnings?

The Lottery participates in the Arizona Debt Setoff Program. When a winner submits a valid claim for a Lottery prize of \$600 or more, an automatic check is run against debt information submitted to the Lottery by other State agencies. If the claimant has a debt owed to the State, a check will automatically be generated to the agency to whom the debt is owed in the amount of the debt. Another check is made out to the winner for the remainder of the prize. By law, the Arizona Lottery cannot make any adjustments after a prize is claimed. The winner is responsible for taxes on the full amount of the Lottery prize.

Does my name have to be made public?

Jackpot winners are given the option of participating in a press conference. Many of our past jackpot winners have enjoyed this opportunity, and it usually eliminates receiving multiple calls from the media. The Arizona Lottery is required to release the winner's name, city of residence, game, and amount won upon request, so total anonymity is not possible.

We ask each winner, no matter the amount, for a quote about their winning experience; the quote will not include your name or photo if you prefer to remain anonymous.



Managing your winnings

The Lottery suggests that financial issues be discussed with a tax attorney, CPA, or financial planner. The following associations may be helpful:

- The Lawyer Referral Service
602-257-4434
maricopabar.org
- The Arizona Bar Association
azbar.org
- The Arizona Society of Certified Public Accountants
602-252-4144
ascpa.com
- Arizona State Board of Accountancy
602-364-0804
accountancy.state.az.us
- The Financial Planning Association
1-800-647-6340
plannersearch.org
- Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards
1-800-487-4242
cfp.net

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Congratulations—

You're A Winner!