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# OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION

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Sports Gaming Stakeholders,

At today's Commission meeting, the Executive Director addressed recent speculation about the Universal Start Date for sports gaming in Ohio.

The Commission's sports gaming FAQs have now been updated to include information regarding the Universal Start Date. The updated FAQs are available [here](#).

Ohio is undertaking the largest gaming expansion in its history and largest-ever simultaneous launch of sports gaming in the United States, with all eligible online applications, brick-and-mortar sportsbooks, and kiosks in bars and taverns eligible to start on the exact same date. This will necessitate the Commission to undertake due diligence investigations and ensure compliance requirements for approximately 3,000 applications in time for the Universal Start Date.

A formal Universal Start Date will be designated at the Commission's June 1 meeting, but stakeholders should anticipate the Universal Start Date will be close to January 1, 2023. When the date is set, it will be shared with all stakeholders via the sports gaming listserv and posted on the Commission's website.

The Commission will continue to update the FAQs page with additional information throughout the implementation process. Additional FAQs covering fingerprinting, key employees and holding companies will be released next week. Please feel free to share the link with any interested party.

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