Durham College Pay Day Lottery

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: How does the lottery work?

The Pay Day Lottery is an ongoing initiative. Each ticket is \$5 and will be paid through payroll deduction. For each monthly deduction of \$5, your name will be entered into a draw to win 50% of the proceeds in the subsequent monthly draw. Each employee is eligible to purchase a maximum of six tickets for a total of \$30 per month. Draws will take place each month in perpetuity in the month following your deduction. For example: February deduction will be applied to your ticket(s) for the March draw. Your March deduction will be applied to your ticket(s) for the April draw and so on. When you sign up for payroll deductions, they will continue to be taken until you cancel. In order to cancel, you must contact Abbi Longo at abbi.longo@durhamcollege.ca. Cancellations must be received at least 30 days prior to the draw date.

During this license cycle, a maximum of 750 tickets are available for purchase. If all tickets are sold, a waiting list will be established for the next lottery license. All who signed up in the beginning will continue to roll over to the next license unless they cancel.

Q: How often will deductions be made from my pay?

A: Deductions will be made the last pay of the month. On the months of the year when there are three pay periods, the deduction will be taken from the second pay of that month.

Q: How often are the lottery draws?

Lottery draws will take place every month on the third Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the atrium of W. Galen Weston Centre for Food, Durham College Whitby Campus (1610 Champlain Avenue, Whitby, ON L1N 6A7).

Q: Am I eligible to win more than once?

As long as you have made the payroll contribution and purchased a ticket, you will be eligible for the corresponding monthly draw regardless of whether you have won before.

Q. Can employees sign up at any time?

Employees can sign up at any time. However, the deadline to sign up for payroll deduction is the 20th of the month prior. This gives our payroll department the time they need. For example, if you sign up on the 20th of February, your first deduction will take place in March and you will be eligible for the draw that takes place in April. If you sign up on the 22nd of February, your first deduction will not take place until April and you will be eligible for the draw in May.