
Casino Terms

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Casino sites are full of terminology that can seem a bit baffling at first, especially if you're new to online gambling. Whether you're playing slots, table games, or live casino, knowing the lingo helps you understand what's going on and makes the whole experience more enjoyable.

Here's a comprehensive glossary of the most common casino terms you'll come across at UK online casinos.

General Casino Terms

Banker — Refers to the casino's dealer or sometimes the house itself. In games like Baccarat, the banker is one of the two hands you can bet on.

Bankroll — The total amount of money you have available to gamble with. Managing your bankroll sensibly is one of the most important parts of responsible gambling.

Bonus — Extra funds or perks given to players by a casino site. Bonuses come in many forms, including welcome bonuses, reload bonuses, and loyalty rewards. Most bonuses come with wagering requirements attached.

Cash Out — The process of withdrawing winnings from your casino account to your bank account or e-wallet. Also known as a withdrawal.

Chips — Virtual tokens used in some online casino games to represent money. You'll see them most often in table games like poker, blackjack, and roulette. They come in different denominations.

Dealer — The person responsible for dealing cards or running a game. In live casino games, this is a real person you can see and interact with via video stream.

Deposit — The act of adding money to your casino account so you can play games. Remember, credit cards cannot be used for gambling in the UK — you'll need to use a debit card, e-wallet, or another approved method.

Edge (House Edge) — The mathematical advantage the casino holds over players on any given game. It's expressed as a percentage and varies from game to game. A lower house edge means better odds for the player.

Jackpot — A large prize, typically found on slots and video poker games. Can be a fixed amount or a **progressive jackpot** that grows over time.

Lobby — The main page of a casino site where you can browse and select games. It's your starting point for finding slots, table games, live casino, and other offerings.

Multi-Hand Games — Games where a player can play more than one hand at the same time, common in blackjack and video poker.

Payout Table (Paytable) — A chart that shows you the potential payouts for each winning combination in a game. For slots, it lists the symbol values and explains how bonus features work. Always check the paytable before you start playing a new game.

Progressive Jackpot — A **jackpot** that increases in value over time as players make bets. A percentage of each wager is added to the jackpot pool until someone wins it.

RNG (Random Number Generator) — The software that ensures every spin, hand, or round in an online casino game is completely random and fair. All games at UKGC-licensed sites are tested to make sure their RNGs work properly.

VIP — A loyalty programme tier or scheme that rewards regular players with special perks, bonuses, and promotions. The more you play, the higher you climb through the VIP levels.

Wagering Requirements — Conditions attached to bonuses that specify how many times you need to play through the bonus amount before you can withdraw any winnings. For example, a 30x wagering requirement on a 10 pound bonus means you'd need to wager 300 pounds before cashing out.

Welcome Bonus — The bonus a casino site offers to new members when they sign up. This often includes a deposit match (where the site matches your first deposit by a percentage) and may also include **free spins**.

Slots-Specific Terms

Payline — The line across the reels where matching symbols need to land for a win to count. Modern slots can have anywhere from one to thousands of paylines.

Reels — The vertical columns that spin when you play a slot. Most modern slots have five reels, though some have three, six, or even more.

RTP (Return to Player) — A percentage that represents how much a slot is expected to pay back to players over a very large number of spins. An RTP of 96% means the game theoretically returns 96p for every pound wagered over time.

Scatter Symbol — A special **symbol** that can trigger bonus features like free spins, often regardless of where it appears on the reels.

Volatility — How a slot tends to pay out. High volatility means bigger but less frequent wins. Low volatility means smaller but more regular payouts.

Wild Symbol — A symbol that can substitute for other symbols to help create winning combinations. Think of it as a joker card.

Free Spins — Spins that don't cost you anything but still pay out real winnings. Can be triggered during gameplay or awarded as a bonus by the casino.

Multiplier — A feature that multiplies your winnings by a set amount. A 3x **multiplier** triples your payout.

Table Game Terms

Ante — The initial bet placed before a hand is dealt, commonly used in poker.

Blackjack — A hand totalling 21 with just two cards (an Ace and a 10-value card). Also the name of the game itself.

Bust — Going over 21 in blackjack, which means you lose the hand automatically.

Croupier — Another word for dealer, commonly used in roulette and baccarat.

Double Down — In blackjack, doubling your bet mid-hand and receiving just one more card.

Fold — To drop out of a hand in poker, forfeiting your bet.

Hit — In blackjack, asking for another card.

Stand — In blackjack, choosing not to take any more cards.

Split — In blackjack, dividing a pair into two separate hands, each with its own bet.

Why Knowing Casino Terms Matters

Understanding casino terminology isn't just about sounding knowledgeable — it genuinely helps you make better decisions when you play. Knowing what wagering requirements mean, for instance, helps you evaluate whether a bonus is actually worth claiming. Understanding RTP and volatility helps you choose slots that match your playing style and budget.

The more familiar you are with these terms, the more confident you'll feel navigating casino sites and trying new games. For more guides and tips on getting the most from your online casino experience, have a look at our [guides section](#).

And always remember to gamble responsibly. Play on UKGC-licensed sites, set yourself a budget, and if you ever need support, visit [GambleAware](#).

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