

How to play the lottery online

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Many people now find that playing the National Lottery (Lotto) online is much easier than travelling to a shop to write out a ticket. You can also play a number of lines for a number of weeks, save your numbers for next time or set up a direct debit so that you never miss a draw.

Playing online also means that if you do happen to win anything, you will automatically receive an email giving you the good news!

This guide explains how to access the National Lottery website using Internet Explorer.

You'll need:

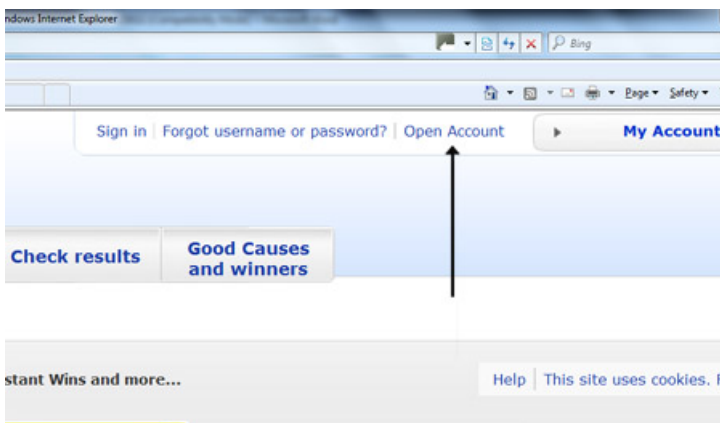
- A computer with internet access.

Follow these step-by-step instructions to play the National Lottery online

Step 1: Open **Internet Explorer** and go to www.national-lottery.co.uk.



Step 2: You will need to sign in, but if you have not got an account for the Lottery, you will need to set up a new account. Click **Open Account**.



Step 3: Complete your personal details in the boxes provided and your address and payment details.

→ Mrs. M from Derbyshire has just won £7,001

Open an Account

1 About you 2 Confirm details 3 Account details 4 Payment

Requirements for playing National Lottery games online:

- Aged 18 or over
- Cardholder has been ID/credited by Citibankcard.
- UK or Isle of Man resident
- Valid debit card - unfortunately, we do not accept credit cards.

There are four steps in the registration process. Use the buttons on each page to continue or add information, rather than the Back button in your browser.

VISA DEBIT VISA ELECTRON MasterCard Maestro

About you

Required fields

Title

First name

Last name

Date of birth

Gender

Small address So we can get in touch if you win

Re-type email address

Contact number (mobile or home)

Your address

Postcode We are unable to accept PO Box, Care of, British Forces & Prison addresses

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Step 4: Once you have set up your account, you can start to play the National Lottery online.

Step 5: Sign into your account using the details with which you registered.

Sign in | Forgot username or password? | Open Account

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→ Mrs. S from Berwickshire has just won £40,001

Home > Sign in

Sign in

Please sign in to your Account below. Play slips and Instant Wins will be held for up to 20 minutes while you Sign in or Open an Account. If you're a **new user**, click 'Open an Account' to securely enter your details.

Existing user

Username

Password

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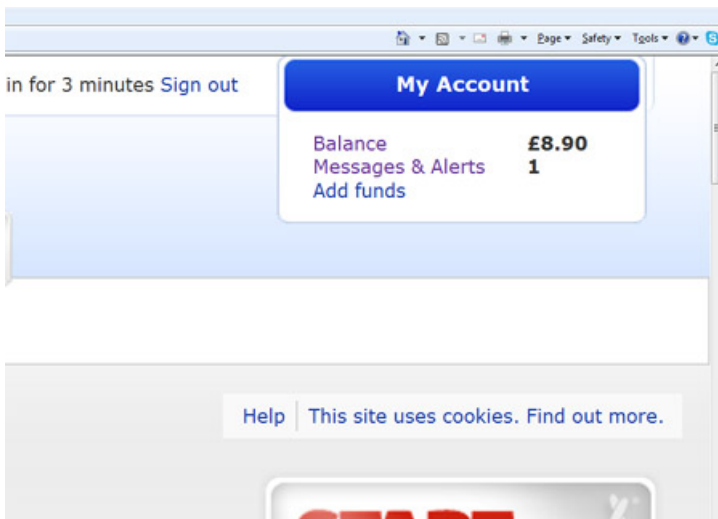
Overseas players

New user

Playing online can make your life easier:

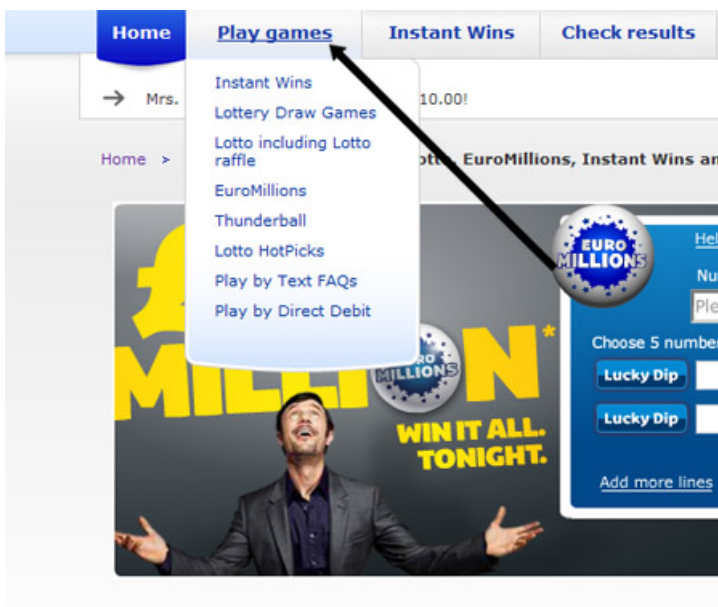
- Never lose that winning ticket
- We'll let you know if you win
- You can win prizes instantly with Instant Wins!

Step 6: Once you have signed in, you will be taken to the home page. At the top right hand corner our account information is shown, with your account balance and any messages that you may have.



Step 7: If you have funds in your account, you can now play lottery games such as Euromillions or Lotto or play instant games, which are the online equivalent of a scratch card.

Step 8: To play Lotto or Euromillions, hover over **Play Games**. Choose the game you wish to play from the list, in this case we have chosen **Euromillions**.



Step 9: On the online play slip, choose the draw day you want to enter your numbers for, how many weeks the numbers will be put into the drawer. Then click into each number box and enter your numbers. If you want to choose lucky dip numbers, click on the **Lucky Dip** button and numbers will be automatically entered into the boxes, but until you complete the transaction you will only see 'LD' in the boxes.

Once you have finished the number of lines you want to play, click the **Play** button. The amount of money will show at the bottom of your play slip and this will be deducted from your account balance.

EURO MILLIONS

£2.00 per play

Estimated jackpot for Fri 18 Oct 2013 is: **£12,000,000**

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Step 1
Choose draws: Friday Number of weeks: 1

Step 2
Choose 5 numbers from 1 - 50 Choose 2 stars (1-11)

Lucky Dip: 17 13 25 34 37 03 06 Clear

Lucky Dip: 11 01 02 03 04 05 06 Clear

Lucky Dip: 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 Clear

Lucky Dip: 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 Clear

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Step 3
Total £2.00 Play

[Cancel](#)

Step 10: Once you click play, you will be shown a confirmation page. If you are happy to continue, click **Buy now**, if not click cancel, or **Edit play slip** to go back and enter different numbers.

Confirm your play slip

1 Confirm play slip 2 Ticket details

Confirm your play slip

Please confirm that you wish to complete your purchase. £2.00 will be deducted from your National Lottery Account.

Please note, by clicking Buy Now, you accept to be bound by the Interactive Account Terms and Conditions, the Rules for Draw-Based Games Played Interactively and the EuroMillions Game Procedures.

EuroMillions ticket sales close at 7.30pm on Tuesdays and Fridays for that evening's draw. Tickets are available again from 9pm - all tickets purchased after this time will be entered into the next draw.

Don't miss a draw; did you know you can buy up to four weeks of EuroMillions tickets at a time?
Edit your play slip now by clicking on the link below.

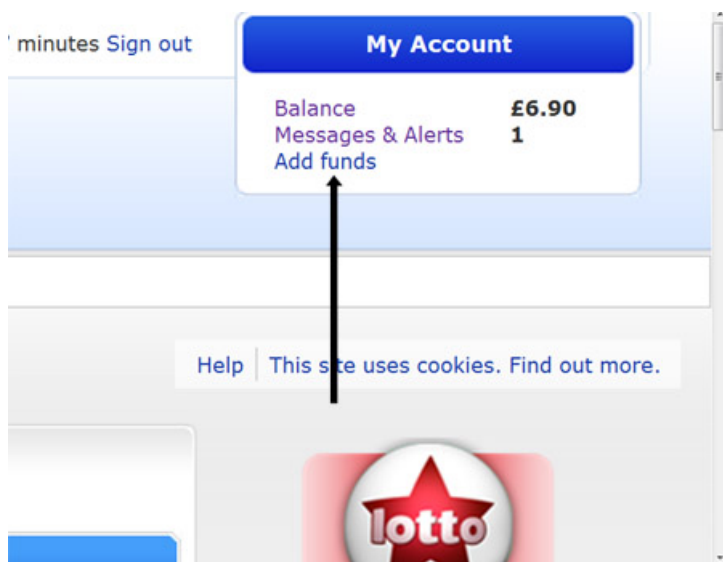
Cancel Edit play slip Buy now

Remember, to play National Lottery games online you must be a UK or Isle of Man resident. You must also be physically located in the UK or Isle of Man when buying a ticket or setting up or amending a Direct Debit account, including changing your numbers and payment details.

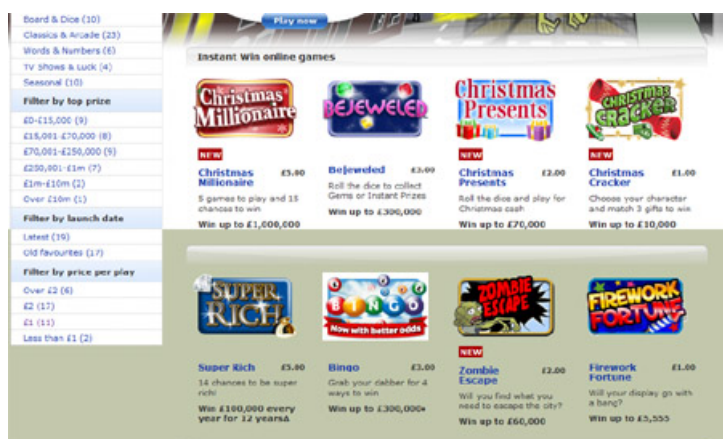
Step 11: The next page will then show your ticket confirmation and the numbers you have chosen, or the lucky dip numbers if you chose this. If you wish to play the Lotto, follow the same instructions as above, but choose Lotto from the list of games in **Step 8**.

Step 12: If you don't have enough money in your account balance to play, you will get an automatic alert when you try to buy a ticket and taken to the add funds page. You can also add funds manually by clicking on the add funds link and following the onscreen instructions.

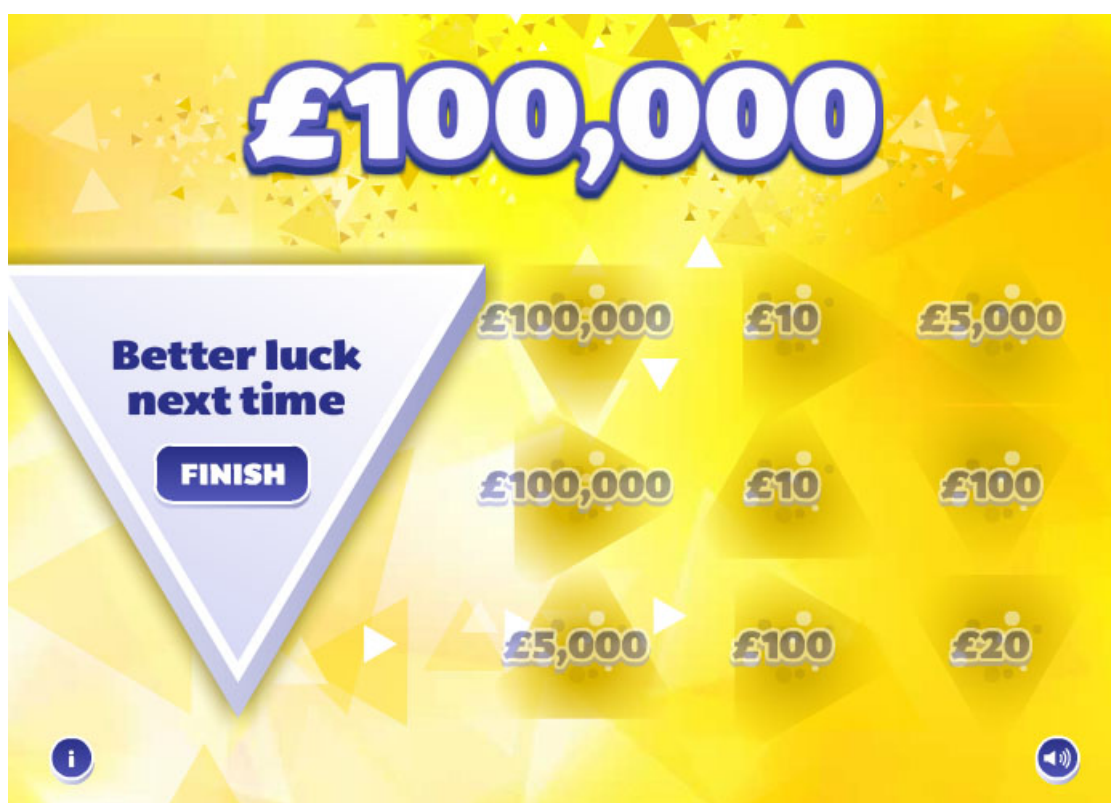
Step 13: It is also possible to set up a direct debit instruction for continuous play. Follow the instructions from the home page by clicking on the link.



Step 14: To play an instant win, hover over **Instant Win** or hover over **Play Games** and choose **Instant Wins**. Choose your 'Instant Win' from the list of choices given.



Step 15: Click **Buy now** on the next page. Once the 'Instant Win' comes up on the screen, it is played the same as a scratch card, click on each icon/picture to reveal the amount or game picture.





Step 16: Once you have revealed all the icons, you will either have won a prize and you can add the prize money back into your balance account, or you will be told you haven't won. You will then be able to try again or leave the site for another day!



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
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