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# New to Online Casinos? Here's How to Get Started

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Over the past couple of years, online casinos have slowly been growing in popularity. They offer a convenient alternative to land-based casinos, as players don't have to travel any distance to access their favourite slot machines, place a wager on a sporting match, or compete against a live dealer in a heated game of blackjack. What's more, online casino operators are now integrating a social aspect into playing, helping bettors to build a community and share their wins with friends on social media platforms.

If you have been thinking about getting into iGaming (more commonly known as online gambling) for a while now and have finally decided to bite the bullet, then you are probably looking for some intel before signing up anywhere. Luckily, we are here to help you out with this. Keep reading to find out everything you need to know!

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## **Responsible Gambling**

Before we discuss anything else, it is important for users to consider responsible gambling. This is a movement within the online casino industry that aims to prevent addiction and other forms of gambling-related harm. Before signing up to any website, you must check to see whether this online casino has taken suitable measures to ensure responsible gambling.

Each country has different regulatory bodies, so conducting a little research might help you with this. For example, an online casino in Canada might be accredited by the Canadian Gaming Association, whilst websites in the United Kingdom are regulated by the Gambling Commission. Responsible gambling is incredibly important because it protects you, your identity, your money and your family from harm.

#### Welcome Offers

If you have visited any gambling websites, then you have probably been inundated with hundreds of welcome offers. These are designed to entice players into signing up. While welcome offers might seem like a great idea at first, they don't always turn out this way. Casino operators tend to attach wagering requirements to their welcome offers, making it difficult for players to actually redeem any of their winnings. For example, if you're granted an additional £20 with your initial deposit, then you often have to wager 30x this amount before you can withdraw anything you won

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with the £20. It's pretty sneaky of the operators. So, make sure to read the terms and conditions of welcome offers before attempting to redeem them.

# **Read Reviews**

Before betting on anything, it is always a good idea to read the reviews. Whether you are looking at online casino websites, sports betting platforms, or online slot machines, this will make a big difference to your overall iGaming experience. Don't waste your money on a slot with a terrible RTP (return to player) or sports betting operator with notoriously inaccurate odds. Instead, look at what other users are saying. They will most likely be unbiased, so you can make a more informed decision with your money.

These are the main things you need to consider before gambling on online casinos. We hope you found our advice illuminating.

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