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## **NCPG Launches Third-Party Casino Exclusion**

The National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) today announced the launch of *Third-Party Casino Exclusion*, which will bar 28,661 persons who are undischarged bankrupts as well as recipients of Public Assistance and Special Grant from entering the casinos.

*Third-Party Casino Exclusion* will cover undischarged bankrupts, as well as households under Public Assistance and Special Grant<sup>1</sup>. They will be automatically excluded from the casinos. While the NCPG would be sending out letters to inform excluded individuals, receipt of such notification is not required for the exclusion to be in effect.

The exclusion will continue until the person is either discharged from bankruptcy or when the household is no longer on the Public Assistance or Special Grant scheme. The NCPG has statutory powers under the *Casino Control Act* to exclude individuals from entering the casinos in Singapore.

The NCPG has designed an online system accessible from the NCPG website ([www.ncpg.org.sg](http://www.ncpg.org.sg)) for the public to log in with their SingPass ID to check if they are subject to active casino exclusions.

<sup>1</sup> The Public Assistance / Special Grant scheme is a social assistance programme funded by the Government. It assists those who are unable to work owing to old age, illness or disability and who have no means of subsistence, and little or no family support.



The NCPG, said: *“The Third-Party Exclusion from the casinos is the final part of casino exclusion measures to be implemented by NCPG. The Third-Party Exclusion protects those who are already financially vulnerable.”*

Aside from *Third-Party Casino Exclusion*, the NCPG has also launched Family Exclusion in April 2009, which empowers a family that is adversely affected by a problem gambler to exclude the person from the casinos. A third type of exclusion, Self-Exclusion, was recently launched on 26 November 2009, to give individuals the choice to exclude themselves from the casinos if they assess themselves to be prone to compulsive and excessive gambling. As of 6 December 2009, there are 19 orders issued for Family Exclusion, and 56 applications for Self-Exclusion. Details of the Family Exclusion Orders issued and Self-Exclusion applications are provided in the Annexes 1 and 2:

ANNEX 1: BREAKDOWN OF FAMILY EXCLUSION (AS AT 6 DEC 09)

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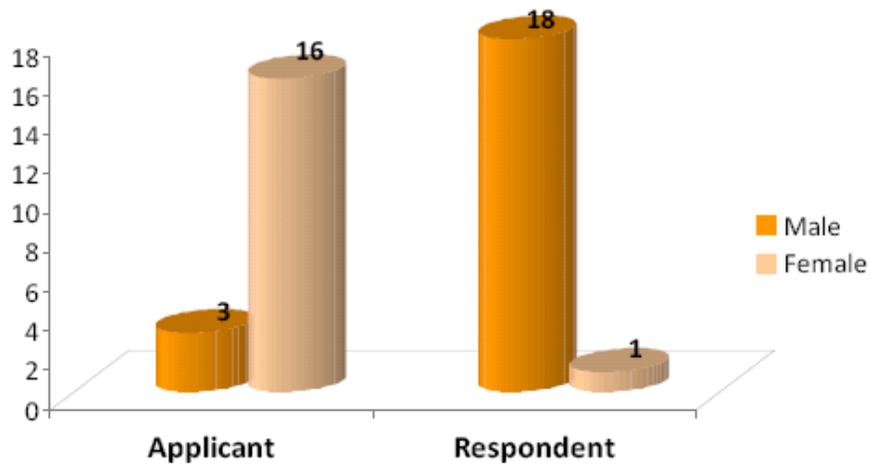
**About the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG):**

The NCPG was appointed in August 2005 as part of Singapore's national framework to address problem gambling. It is a council comprising 20 members with expertise in public communications, psychiatry and psychology, social work, counselling and rehabilitative services. The Council's role is to provide advice and feedback to the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS) on public education programmes on problem gambling and on the effectiveness of treatment, counselling and rehabilitative programmes; to decide on funding for these programmes; preventive and rehabilitative programmes; and on the applications for exclusion of persons from casinos. Stop Problem Gambling. Know The Line. Call 1800-6-668-668. For more information, please see [www.ncpg.org.sg](http://www.ncpg.org.sg).

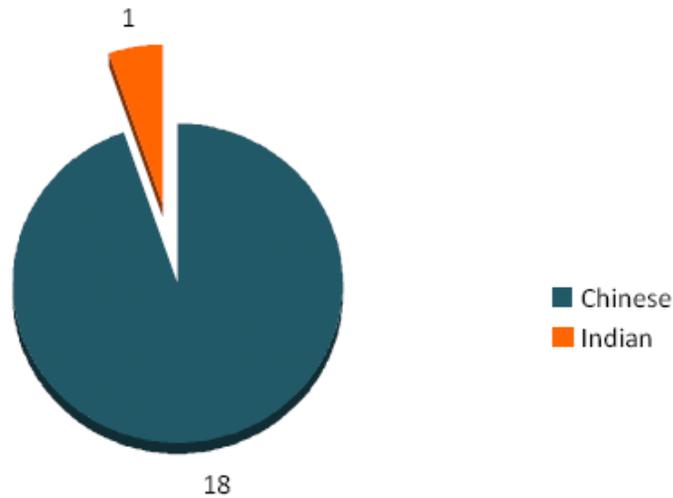
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Source: National Council on Problem Gambling

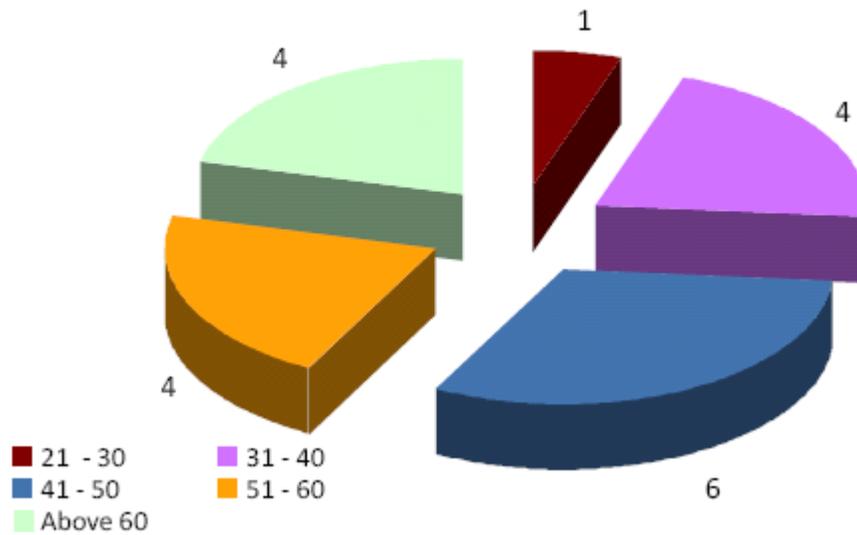
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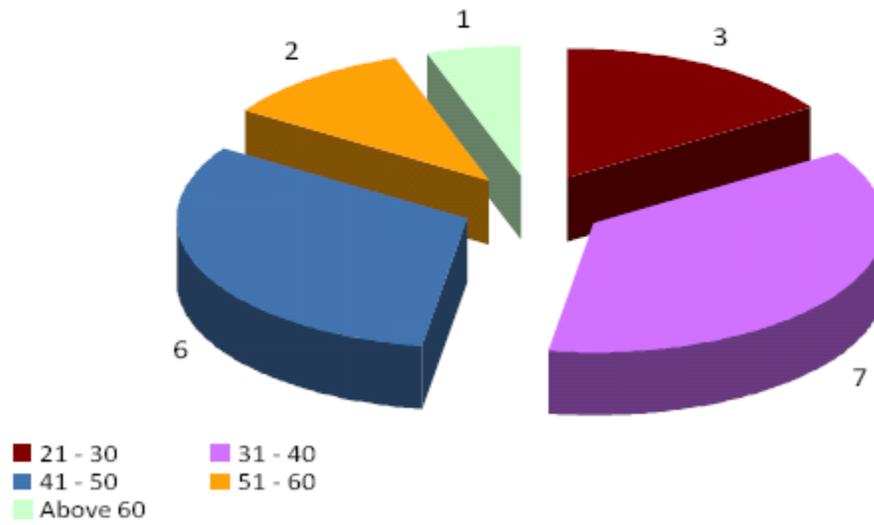
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### AGE RANGE (APPLICANTS)



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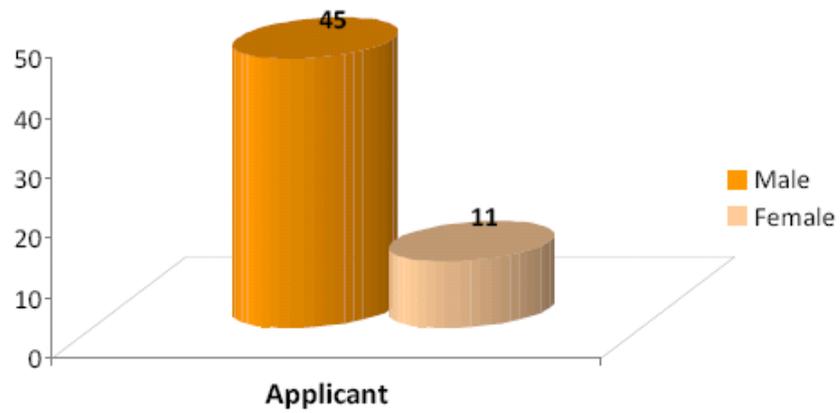
**APPLICANT**

		<b>Husband</b>	<b>Wife</b>	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Child</b>	<b>Sibling</b>
<b>RESPONDENT</b>	<b>Husband</b>		<b>7</b>			
	<b>Wife</b>	<b>1</b>				
	<b>Parent</b>				<b>1</b>	
	<b>Child</b>			<b>5</b>		
	<b>Sibling</b>					<b>5</b>

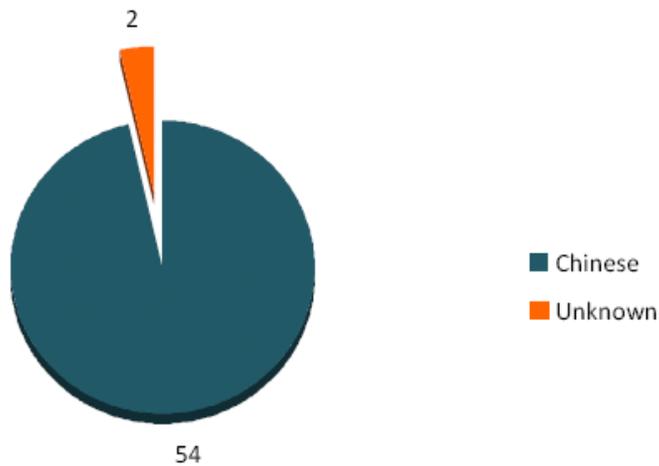
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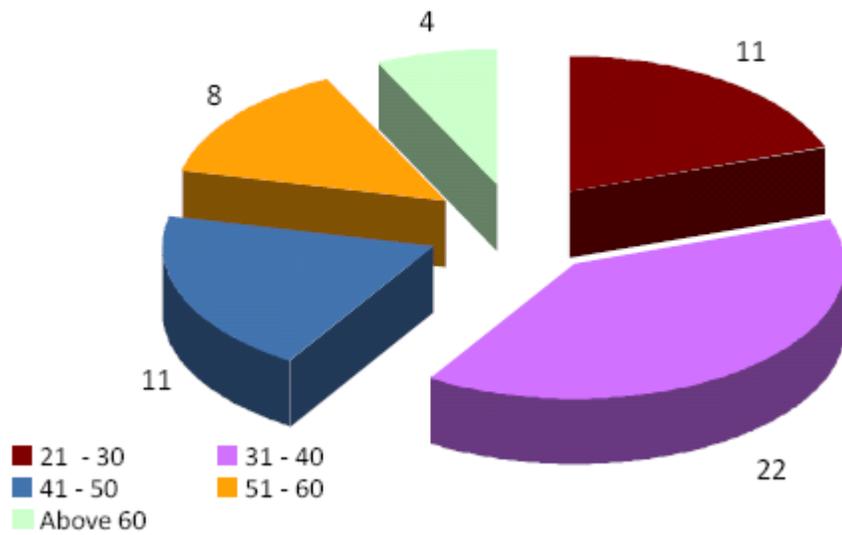
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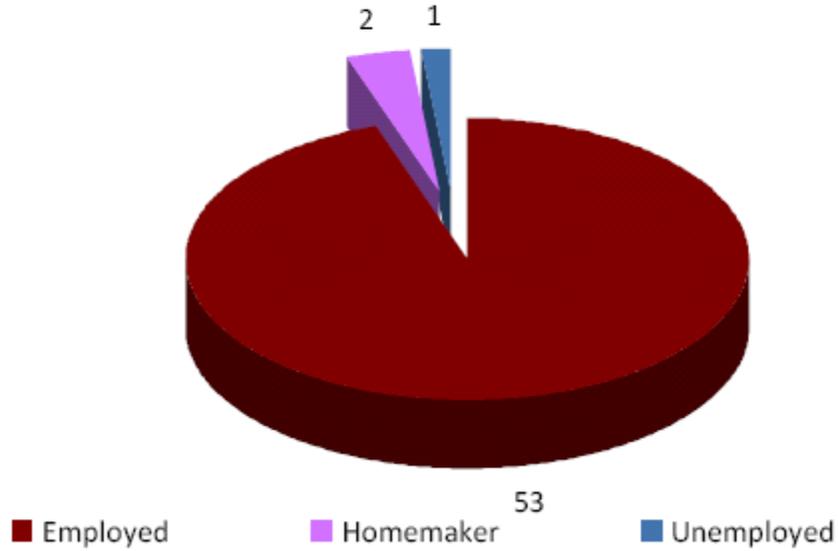
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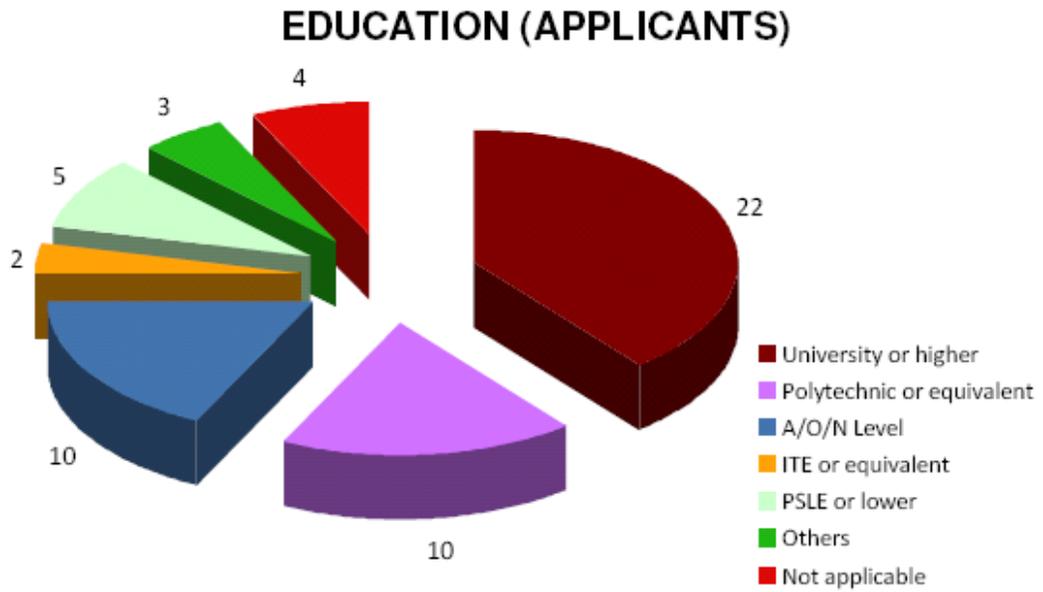
### AGE RANGE (APPLICANTS)



### EMPLOYMENT STATUS (APPLICANTS)



**ANNEX 3: EDUCATIONAL PROFILE OF SELF-EXCLUSION APPLICANTS**  
**(AS AT 6 DEC 09)**





#### **ANNEX 4: ENGLISH-CHINESE GLOSSARY**

National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG)	全国预防嗜赌理事会
Casino Exclusion	赌场禁门措施
Third-Party Exclusion	第三方禁门令
Self-Exclusion	自我申禁
Family Exclusion	家人禁门令
Problem Gambling	嗜赌
Problem Gambler	病态赌徒