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Two new instant scratch-off games start Tuesday

RALEIGH – The N.C. Education Lottery will begin selling on Tuesday, Aug. 31, two new instant scratch-off games called Double Platinum 5's and Pure Gold.

Double Platinum 5's is a \$5 game that offers more than \$16 million in total prizes. The prizes include eight top prizes of \$100,000 and more than 50,000 prizes ranging from \$50 to \$500. Players scratch off their 15 numbers to see if they match any of four winning numbers on the card. If they reveal a "bill" symbol they win the prize shown instantly and if they reveal a "5" symbol they win double the prize shown.

Pure Gold is a \$2 game that offers more than \$7.3 million in total prizes. The game features eight top prizes of \$24,000 and 197,000 prizes ranging from \$10 to \$500. Players scratch off their 10 numbers to see if they match two winning numbers. If they reveal a "Gold Bar" symbol they win the prize shown instantly and if they reveal an "ALL" symbol they win all 10 prizes on their ticket.

For more information about these two new games, visit the NCEL's website at www.nc-educationlottery.org. The website offers up-to-date information on all the NCEL's instant scratch-off games including how many top prizes remain in each game. Just click on the instant ticket link under the "Games" button.

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100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at-risk four-year-olds, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and need-based college scholarships.

For prizes of \$5,000 and greater, 25% federal tax and 7% state tax are automatically withheld.

