CLAIMS

1. A gaming funds transaction device, comprising:

a first section (372) that includes:

a credit/debit card reader (384);

a printer component operable to print and eject a gaming ticket; and

a processor operably linked with the credit/debit card reader (384) and the printer component, and operable to exchange messages over a communication link with a validation service;

a keypad section (380) that includes:

a numeric keypad;

operational keys; and

a display;

and

a first rigid connection arm (368a) and second rigid connection arm (386c) linking the first section (372) and the keypad section (380), said second rigid connection arm (386c) movably connected to said first rigid connection arm (368a) at one end and said keypad section (380) at a second end permitting the keypad section (380) to be positionally adjusted; wherein:

the first rigid connection arm (368a) and second rigid connection arm (386c) contain an electronic link between the keypad section (380) and the first section (372); and

the processor is operable to:

receive entries from the keypad section (380) through the electronic link;

transmit instructions to the keypad section (380) through the electronic link that cause the display to show respective responses to the entries;

obtain a validation response from the validation service of a charge request received from the credit/debit card reader (384) to apply as a first cash value to the gaming ticket; and

cause the printer component to print and eject the gaming ticket having a second cash value correlated to the charge request.

2. The gaming funds transaction device of claim 1, further comprising a view shield extending from the keypad section (380).

3. The gaming funds transaction device of claim 1, further comprising a directional viewing screen on the keypad section (380).

4. The gaming funds transaction device of claim 1, wherein the first rigid connection arm (368a) includes a flexible section that extends through a housing of the gaming funds transaction device.

5. The gaming funds transaction device of claim 1, wherein:

the first section (372) further comprises a cash acceptor operably linked with the processor; and

the processor is further operable to apply to the first cash value of the gaming ticket an amount related to monies received in the cash acceptor.

6. The gaming funds transaction device of claim 1, wherein:

the first section (372) further comprises a gaming ticket acceptor operably linked with the processor and configured to accept a used gaming ticket; and

the processor is further operable to apply to the gaming ticket an amount related to a residual cash value of the used gaming ticket.

7. The gaming funds transaction device of claim 1, wherein the processor is further operable to:

receive an invalidation response from the validation service of the charge request; and

transmit to the keypad section (380) a corresponding instruction for the display to show a message related to the invalidation response.

8. The gaming funds transaction device of claim 1, wherein the processor is further operable to exchange information regarding the second cash value of the gaming ticket with an accounting service separate from the validation service.

9. A gaming funds transaction device, comprising:

a credit/debit card reader (384);

a printer operable to print and eject a gaming ticket; and

a processor operably linked with the credit/debit card reader (384) and the printer, and

operable to exchange messages over a communication link with a validation service;

a keypad including a numeric keypad, operational keys, and a display;

a first rigid connection arm (368a) and second rigid connection arm (386c) linking the credit/debit card reader (384) and/or printer with the keypad, said second rigid connection arm (386c) movably connected to said first rigid connection arm (368a) at one end and said keypad at a second end permitting the keypad to be positionally adjusted; and

wherein the first rigid connection arm (368a) and second rigid connection arm (386c) contain an electronic link between the keypad and/or the credit/debit card reader (384) and/or printer; and

the processor further operable to:

receive entries from the keypad through the electronic link;

transmit instructions to the keypad through the electronic link causing the display to show respective responses to the entries;

obtain a validation response from the validation service of a charge request received from the credit/debit card reader (384) to apply as a first cash value to the gaming ticket; and

cause the printer to print and eject the gaming ticket having a second cash value correlated to the charge request.

10. The gaming funds transaction device of claim 9, further comprising a view shield extending from the keypad section (380).

11. The gaming funds transaction device of claim 9, further comprising a directional viewing screen on the keypad section (380).

12. The gaming funds transaction device of claim 9, wherein the first rigid connection arm (368a) includes a flexible section that extends through a housing of the gaming funds transaction device.

13. The gaming funds transaction device of claim 9, wherein:

the first section (372) further comprises a cash acceptor operably linked with the processor; and

the processor is further operable to apply to the first cash value of the gaming ticket an amount related to monies received in the cash acceptor.

14. The gaming funds transaction device of claim 9, wherein:

the first section (372) further comprises a gaming ticket acceptor operably linked with the processor and configured to accept a used gaming ticket; and

the processor is further operable to apply to the gaming ticket an amount related to a residual cash value of the used gaming ticket.

15. The gaming funds transaction device of claim 9, wherein the processor is further operable to:

receive an invalidation response from the validation service of the charge request; and

transmit to the keypad section (380) a corresponding instruction for the display to show a message related to the invalidation response.

16. The gaming funds transaction device of claim 9, wherein the processor is further operable to exchange information regarding the second cash value of the gaming ticket with an accounting service separate from the validation service.