



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3775.09 Denial, suspension, and revocation of licenses.

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(A) An applicant for a sports gaming license, other than a type C sports gaming host license, shall establish the applicant's suitability for the license by clear and convincing evidence.

(B) The Ohio casino control commission shall not grant a sports gaming license, other than a type C sports gaming host license, to an applicant if evidence satisfactory to the commission exists that the applicant has done any of the following:

(1) Knowingly made a false statement to the commission;

(2) Been suspended from operating a gambling game, gaming device, or gaming operation, or had a license revoked by any governmental unit of a national, state, or local body exercising governmental functions;

(3) Been convicted of a disqualifying offense, as defined in section 3772.07 of the Revised Code;

(4) Been directly involved in or employed by any offshore wagering market that illegally serviced the United States or otherwise accepted illegal wagers from individuals located in the United States on or after April 16, 2015.

(C) The commission may deny a sports gaming proprietor, mobile management services provider, or management services provider license to any applicant, reprimand any sports gaming proprietor, mobile management services provider, or management services provider, or suspend or revoke a sports gaming proprietor, mobile management services provider, or management services provider license if any of the following are true:

(1) The applicant or licensee has not demonstrated to the commission's satisfaction financial responsibility sufficient to adequately meet the requirements of the enterprise.



(2) The applicant or licensee is not the true owner of the business or is not the sole owner and has not disclosed the existence or identity of other persons who have an ownership interest in the business.

(3) The applicant or licensee is a corporation that sells more than five per cent of the corporation's voting stock, or more than five per cent of the voting stock of a corporation that controls the corporation, or sells the corporation's assets, other than those bought and sold in the ordinary course of business, or any interest in the assets, to any person who, under division (C) of section 3775.03 of the Revised Code, must meet the qualifications of a sports gaming proprietor, mobile management services provider, or management services provider, as applicable, and who has not already been determined by the commission to have met the applicable qualifications.

(D)(1) The commission shall revoke a sports gaming proprietor license that was issued or renewed because of the preference described in division (A) of section 3775.041 of the Revised Code if the sports gaming proprietor ceases to qualify as a professional sports organization, if the casino operator ceases to be a casino operator, or if the video lottery sales agent ceases to be a video lottery sales agent, as applicable.

(2) The commission shall revoke a type C sports gaming host license if the licensee ceases to hold a valid class D liquor permit for the facility issued under Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code.

(E) The commission shall not grant a sports gaming license to any of the following persons:

- (1) A nonprofit corporation or organization;
- (2) An individual who is under twenty-one years of age;
- (3) An employee of the commission.