



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3769.031 Licensure - required rulemaking.

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(A) The state racing commission may issue, deny, suspend, or revoke licenses to those persons engaged in racing and to those employees of permit holders as is in the public interest for the purpose of maintaining a proper control over horse-racing meetings, subject to the requirements of this section.

(B)(1) The commission shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code prescribing the following licenses to be issued, including the activities regulated under each license, the qualifications and other requirements to receive and maintain each license, and the fees that apply to the license:

(a) The following racing official licenses: state steward, steward, program director, director of racing, general manager, racing secretary, assistant racing secretary, horsemen's bookkeeper, identifier, presiding judge, paddock judge, placing judge, judge, clerk of course, clerk of scales, jockey room custodian, announcer, starter, timer, photographer, and videographer, provided that the license fee for a general manager shall not exceed seventy-five dollars;

(b) The following participant licenses: primary and secondary stable name, owner, partnership, person eligible to claim, authorized agent, thoroughbred breeder, trainer, assistant trainer, driver-trainer, driver, jockey, apprentice jockey, jockey agent, outrider, pony person, exercise rider, valet, and supply salesperson;

(c) The following equine care licenses: veterinarian, veterinarian's assistant, dentist, horseshoer, and groom;

(d) The following wagering licenses: totalizator company, totalizator company management supervisory employee, totalizator company employee, and mutuel employee;

(e) A fair license, which shall not require the payment of any fee, to be issued for the following



positions: racing official, owner, quarter horse participant, driver-trainer, groom, totalizator, and mutuel employee;

(f) The following race track facility licenses: security, medical and first aid, concession employee, and maintenance, provided that the license fee for a medical and first aid worker shall not exceed ten dollars.

(2) The commission shall issue only the licenses listed in division (B)(1) of this section. No license issued by the commission is required to hold any position that is not listed in that division.

(C)(1) Applicants for licenses issued by the commission shall submit their fingerprints to the commission, and the commission may forward the fingerprints to the federal bureau of investigation or to any other agency, or to both, for examination.

(2) Each license issued by the commission, unless revoked for cause, shall be for the period of one year from the first day of January of the year in which it is issued, except as otherwise provided in section 3769.07 of the Revised Code.

(3) The commission shall issue a license to a person engaged in racing or an employee of a permit holder in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code if that person or employee holds a license in another state, or that person or employee has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter in horse racing in a state that does not issue that license.

(4) Any violation of this chapter, of any rule of racing adopted by the commission, or of any law or rule with respect to racing in any jurisdiction shall be sufficient reason for a refusal to issue a license, or a suspension or revocation of any license issued, pursuant to this section. With respect to the issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation of a license to a participant in horse racing, the action of the commission is subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.