



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3775.03 Licensing, generally.

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(A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this section, no person shall operate, conduct, or assist in operating or conducting sports gaming in this state without first obtaining an appropriate sports gaming license from the Ohio casino control commission.

(2) The state lottery commission is not required to receive a sports gaming license in order to operate lottery sports gaming under sections 3770.23 to 3770.25 of the Revised Code.

(B) Each person applying for an initial or renewed sports gaming license issued under this chapter, other than a type C sports gaming host license, and each individual who has control of the applicant as described in division (C) of this section, shall submit two complete sets of fingerprints to the commission for the purpose of conducting a criminal records check, including obtaining any available information from the federal bureau of investigation. The person shall provide the fingerprints using a method the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation prescribes pursuant to division (C)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and fill out the form the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation prescribes pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code. Upon receiving an application under this section, the executive director of the Ohio casino control commission shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a criminal records check based on the fingerprint impressions in accordance with division (A)(19) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code. Any fee required under division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code shall be paid by the applicant, or in the case of an occupational license, by the applicant's employer. Any applicant convicted of any disqualifying offense, as defined in section 3772.07 of the Revised Code, shall not be issued a license.

(C) The Ohio casino control commission shall not grant a sports gaming proprietor, mobile management services provider, management services provider, or sports gaming supplier license until it has determined that each person who has control of the applicant has met the qualifications for sports gaming licensure established in this chapter and in rules adopted by the commission. All of



the following persons are considered to have control of an applicant:

- (1) Each person associated with a corporate applicant, including any corporate holding company, parent company, or subsidiary company of the applicant, that has the ability to control the activities of the corporate applicant or elect a majority of the board of directors of that corporation, other than any bank or other licensed lending institution that holds a mortgage or other lien acquired in the ordinary course of business;
 - (2) Each person associated with a noncorporate applicant that directly or indirectly holds a beneficial or proprietary interest in the applicant's business operation or that the commission otherwise determines has the ability to control the applicant;
 - (3) Key personnel of an applicant, including any executive, employee, or agency, having the power to exercise significant influence over decisions concerning any part of the applicant's business operation.
- (D) A sports gaming proprietor, mobile management services provider, or management services provider shall display its license conspicuously in its place of business or have the license available for inspection by any agent of the Ohio casino control commission or any law enforcement agency. Each holder of an occupational license issued under section 3775.06 of the Revised Code shall have an indicator of licensure prominently displayed when present in a sports gaming facility at all times, in accordance with the rules of the commission. Each type C sports gaming host shall display its license conspicuously in its place of business.
- (E) A sports gaming licensee shall give the Ohio casino control commission written notice within ten days of any material change to any information provided in the licensee's application for a license or renewal. The commission shall specify by rule which changes to that information it considers to be material.