



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4738.07 Denial of license.

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(A) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, the registrar of motor vehicles shall deny the application of any person for a license under this chapter and refuse to issue the person a license if the registrar finds that the applicant:

- (1) Has made false statement of a material fact in the individual's application;
 - (2) Has not complied with sections 4738.01 to 4738.15 of the Revised Code;
 - (3) Has habitually defaulted on financial obligations;
 - (4) Has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a disqualifying offense, provided the registrar complies with section 9.79 of the Revised Code;
 - (5) Has been guilty of a fraudulent act in connection with dealing in salvage motor vehicles or when operating as a motor vehicle salvage dealer, salvage motor vehicle auction, or salvage motor vehicle pool;
 - (6) Is insolvent;
 - (7) Is of insufficient responsibility to assure the prompt payment of any final judgments which might reasonably be entered against the individual because of the transaction of the individual's business during the period of the license applied for;
 - (8) Has no established place of business;
 - (9) Has less than twelve months prior to said application, been denied a license under this chapter; or
 - (10) Was convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of division (B) of section 4737.041 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 2913.02 of the Revised Code when the person is sentenced pursuant to division (B)(10) of that section or a violation of section 2913.51 of the Revised Code when the person is sentenced pursuant to division (F) of that section.
- (B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, in considering a renewal of an individual's license, the registrar shall not consider any conviction or plea of guilty prior to the initial licensing. However, the registrar may consider a conviction or plea of guilty if it occurred after the individual was initially licensed, or after the most recent license renewal.



(2) The registrar shall not renew an individual's license if the individual was convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of division (B) of section 4737.041 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 2913.02 of the Revised Code when the person is sentenced pursuant to division (B)(10) of that section or a violation of section 2913.51 of the Revised Code when the person is sentenced pursuant to division (F) of that section.

(C) The registrar may grant a person a conditional license that lasts for one year. After the one-year period has expired, the license is no longer considered conditional, and the person shall be considered fully licensed.

(D) If the applicant is a corporation or partnership, the registrar may refuse to issue a license if any officer, director, or partner of the applicant has been guilty of any disqualifying offense and the refusal is in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code. The registrar's finding may be based upon facts contained in the application or upon any other information which the registrar may have. Immediately upon denying an application for any of the reasons in this section, the registrar shall enter a final order together with the registrar's findings and certify the same to the motor vehicle salvage dealer's licensing board.

(E) If the registrar refuses an application for a license, the reasons for such refusal shall be put in writing. An applicant who has been refused a license may appeal from the action of the registrar to the motor vehicle salvage dealer's licensing board in the manner prescribed in section 4738.12 of the Revised Code.

(F) The registrar of motor vehicles shall not adopt, maintain, renew, or enforce any rule, or otherwise preclude in any way, an individual from renewing a license under this chapter due to any past criminal activity or interpretation of moral character, except as pursuant to division (B) of this section. If the registrar denies an individual a license or license renewal, the reasons for such denial shall be put in writing.
