

109:1-4-04**General grounds for refusal to issue a license, denial of a license application or renewal, or revocation of a license.**

(A) The attorney general may refuse to issue a license, deny a license renewal application, or revoke a license for any license authorized under Chapter 2915 of the Revised Code or these rules on any grounds deemed reasonable by the attorney general. Without limiting the foregoing, the attorney general may deny the application on any of the following grounds:

- (1) Any reason set forth in Revised Code Sections 2915.081(C) or 2915.082(C).
- (2) Evidence of an applicant, Key Employee of an applicant, or person owning five percent or more of a direct or indirect financial interest in the applicant and its Affiliates, submitting an untrue or misleading statement of material fact, or willful omission of any material fact, in any application, statement, or notice filed with the attorney general, made in connection with any investigation, including the background investigation, or otherwise made to the attorney general or its staff;
- (3) Evidence of an applicant engaging in business operations, whether through direct participation, or via an “arms-length” sales relationship wherein the applicant’s product, device, service or commodity being sold or provided has been determined to be illegal gambling in the State or other jurisdiction where it was utilized.
- (4) Evidence that an applicant has received direct or indirect financial benefit derived from the operation of illegal gambling in any jurisdiction. Financial Benefit includes all sources of funding including loans, securities, and includes all investments into applicant of capital, equipment or software.
- (5) Conviction of any disqualifying offense as determined in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code in any jurisdiction by an applicant, Key Employee of an applicant, or person owning five percent or more of a direct or indirect financial interest in the applicant and its Affiliates, which may affect the applicant’s ability to properly perform his or her duties or reflect unfavorably on the integrity of charity gaming in Ohio;
- (6) Conviction of any gambling offense or pleading guilty to any gambling offense in any jurisdiction by a Key Employee of the applicant, the applicant, or by any Affiliate of the applicant;
- (7) Entry of any civil or administrative judgment against the applicant, a Key Employee of the applicant, or any Affiliate of the applicant that is based, in whole or in part, on conduct that allegedly constituted a felony crime, or

involvement in illegal gambling in the State or other jurisdiction in which the conduct occurred that may affect the applicant's ability to properly perform his or her or its duties or reflect unfavorably on the integrity of charity gaming in Ohio;

(8) Failure to satisfy any requirement for application or to timely respond to any request by the attorney general for additional information; and

(9) Approval of the application would otherwise be contrary to Ohio law or public policy.

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