

CONDENSED LICENSING RULES – PUBLIC CARD ROOM EMPLOYEE

WAC 230-03-085 DENYING, SUSPENDING, OR REVOKING AN APPLICATION, LICENSE OR PERMIT. We may deny, suspend, or revoke any application, license or permit, when the applicant, licensee, or anyone holding a substantial interest in the applicant's or licensee's business or organization:

(1) Commits any act that constitutes grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking licenses or permits under RCW 9.46.075; or

(2) Has been convicted of, or forfeited bond on a charge of, or pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor or felony crime involving physical harm to individuals. "Physical harm to individuals" includes any form of criminal assault, any crime involving a threat of physical harm against another person, or any crime involving an intention to inflict physical harm on another person; or

(3) Has demonstrated willful disregard for complying with ordinances, statutes, administrative rules, or court orders, whether at the local, state, or federal level; or

(4) Has failed to pay gambling taxes to local taxing authorities and the local taxing authority has petitioned us to take action; or

(5) Is serving a period of probation or community supervision imposed as a sentence for any juvenile, misdemeanor, or felony criminal offense, whether or not the offense is covered under RCW 9.46.075(4); or

(6) Is the subject of an outstanding gross misdemeanor or felony arrest warrant; or

(7) Fails to provide us with any information required under commission rules within the time required, or, if the rule establishes no time limit, within thirty days after receiving a written request from us; or

(8) Poses a threat to the effective regulation of gambling, or creates or increases the likelihood of unfair or illegal practices, methods, and activities in the conduct of gambling activities, as demonstrated by:

- (a) Prior activities; or
- (b) Criminal record; or
- (c) Reputation; or
- (d) Habits; or
- (e) Associations; or

(9) Knowingly provides or provided goods or services to an entity that illegally operates gambling activities.

WAC 230-03-210 APPLYING FOR A GAMBLING SERVICE SUPPLIER LICENSE. (1) You must apply for a gambling service supplier license if you perform any of the following gambling-related services for compensation:

(a) Consulting or advisory services regarding gambling activities; or

(b) Gambling management services; or

(c) Financing for more than one licensee for purchases or leases of gambling equipment or financing for providing infrastructure or facilities, or equipment that supports gambling operations:

(i) Once you have financed more than one licensee, you must be a licensed gambling service supplier until all loans with licensees or previous licensees are paid.

(ii) Once you have been a licensed gambling service supplier, you must be licensed as a gambling service supplier again before financing purchases or leases for any licensee; or

(d) Acting as a lending agent, or loan servicer, or placement agent; or

(e) Providing the assembly of components for gambling equipment under a contract with a licensed manufacturer or entering into an ongoing financial arrangement for gambling related software with a licensed manufacturer; or

(f) Installing, integrating, maintaining, or servicing digital surveillance systems that allow direct access to the operating system; or

(g) Training individuals to conduct authorized gambling activities; or

(h) Providing any other service or activity where influence may be exerted over any gambling activity licensed by the commission; or

(i) Performing the testing and certification of tribal lottery systems in meeting requirements specified in the tribal-state compact.

(2) You do not need a gambling service supplier license if you are:

(a) A bank, mutual savings bank, or credit union regulated by the department of financial institutions or any federally regulated commercial lending institution; or

(b) A university or college regulated by the Washington state board of community and technical colleges and the higher education coordinating board that trains individuals to conduct authorized gambling activities; or

(c) An attorney, accountant, or governmental affairs consultant whose primary business is providing professional services that are unrelated to the management or operation of gambling activities; or

(d) A person who only provides nonmanagement-related recordkeeping services for punch board and pull-tab operators, when the combined total gross billings from such services do not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars during any calendar year; or

(e) A person who provides names, images, artwork or associated copyrights, or trademarks, or patent use, or other features that do not affect the results or outcome of the game, for use in gambling equipment; or

(f) Regulated lending institutions.

WAC 230-03-265 APPLYING FOR A CARD ROOM EMPLOYEE LICENSE. You must apply for a card room employee license if you will be involved in the operation of a:

(1) Class E card room; or

(2) Class F card room; or

(3) House-banked card room; and

(4) You perform any of the following functions:

(a) Collecting fees; or

(b) Dealing; or

(c) Supervising any card game or other card room employee, such as acting as a pit boss, floor person, or section supervisor; or

(d) Selling or redeeming chips; or

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(e) Performing cashier or cage duties such as counting and handling chips or cash, completing credit slips, fill slips, or inventory slips, or accounting for other card room receipts in the cage; or

(f) Observing dealers and card games to detect cheating or control functions; or

(g) Controlling card room funds including keys to secure locations; or

(h) Taking part in the operation of a card game.

WAC 230-03-310 APPLYING FOR A GAMBLING SERVICE SUPPLIER'S REPRESENTATIVE LICENSE. You must apply for a gambling service supplier's representative license if you are employed by a licensed gambling service supplier to provide gambling-related services, or you supervise those who do.

WAC 230-05-001 PRORATING OR REFUNDING OF FEES. (1) We may prorate organization license fees when we adjust expiration dates to schedule our workload.

(2) We may adjust expiration dates to end on the same day for organizations licensed for more than one activity. Whenever we adjust license expiration dates under this provision, we may prorate the required fees.

(3) We will not prorate or refund fees when:

(a) You discontinue your gambling activities; or

(b) You voluntarily surrender your license or permit; or

(c) We suspend or revoke your license.

(4) We keep a portion of your application fees whether we deny or administratively close your application or you withdraw it.

(5) If you are a commercial stimulant or a charitable or nonprofit licensee, you have one year from your license expiration to apply for a partial refund of your license fee if your annual gross gambling receipts are less than the minimum for your license class. After our approval, we refund you the difference between the fees you paid and the fees for the license class level you actually met.

WAC 230-06-007 LICENSED EMPLOYEES MUST WEAR NAMETAGS. (1) Licensed employees must wear a nametag when working or playing cards at their place of employment.

(2) Off-duty card room employees do not have to wear a nametag while playing if the card room operator clearly posts a sign stating, "Employees of this card room may participate in the card games while off-duty as players. Upon your request, the card room floor person will identify any employee playing cards."

(3) The nametag must:

(a) Be provided by the operator; and

(b) Be a minimum of three inches by two inches; and

(c) Display at least the employee's first name; and

(d) Display the employer's name; and

(e) Be worn on the employee's chest; and

(f) Be clear and visible to the players in the gambling activity.

(4) The employee and operator are equally responsible to ensure the nametag is properly displayed.

WAC 230-06-065 DISPLAYING OF LICENSES. (1) Licensees must prominently display originals or copies of all gambling activity licenses or permits we have issued in the gambling area of their business premises.

(2) Licensees must have the licenses and permits ready for inspection by us, other law enforcement personnel, and the public at all times.

(3) Card room employers may choose not to display employee licenses, but must maintain all card room employees' licenses, proof of licensing, or applications if we have not issued a license, on the licensed premises at all times.

WAC 230-15-170 PHOTOS OF CARD ROOM EMPLOYEES REQUIRED. Card game licensees must have photographs of their licensed card room employees with the employees' licenses, available for inspection on the premises. The photo must be of a passport type not less than 2" x 3" and clearly show a full facial view of the employee.

WAC 230-15-185 PREVENTING CHEATING IN CARD GAMES. (1) Card game licensees must take necessary steps to prevent cheating and ensure that games are played fairly.

(2) If card game licensees find someone cheating, they must:

(a) Contact the local law enforcement agency immediately in urgent situations; and

(b) Report it to us within three business days.

RCW 9.46.158 APPLICANTS, LICENSEES, OPERATORS – COMMISSION APPROVAL FOR HIRING CERTAIN PERSONS. No applicant for a license from, nor licensee of, the commission, nor any operator of any gambling activity, shall, without advance approval of the commission, knowingly permit any person to participate in the management or operation of any activity for which a license from the commission is required or which is otherwise authorized by this chapter if that person:

(1) Has been convicted of, or forfeited bond upon a charge of, or pleaded guilty to, forgery, larceny, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, willful failure to make required payments or reports to a governmental agency at any level, or filing false reports therewith, or of any similar offense or offenses, or of any crime, whether a felony or misdemeanor involving any gambling activity or physical harm to individuals or involving moral turpitude; or

(2) Has violated, failed, or refused to comply with provisions, requirements, conditions, limitations or duties imposed by this chapter, and any amendments thereto, or any rules adopted by the commission pursuant thereto, or has permitted, aided, abetted, caused, or conspired with another to cause, any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter or rules of the commission.