

**§ 709. Investigation of qualifications of applicant; issuance of license; limitation on license fee; duration of license; report to central registry**

A. The office shall investigate the qualifications of each applicant and the merits of the application, with due expedition after the filing of the application, and shall make the following determinations:

(1) That the applicant is duly qualified to hold, operate, and conduct games of chance under the provisions of this Chapter and the rules and regulations governing the holding, operation, and conduct thereof in the municipality or parish.

(2) That the member or members of the applicant designated in the application to hold, operate, or conduct or assist in holding, operating, or conducting the game or games of chance for which the license application is made are bona fide active members of the applicant and persons of good moral character who have never been convicted of certain related offenses as established by the office.

(3) That such game or games of chance are to be held, operated, and conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the holding, operation, and conduct thereof and that the proceeds thereof are to be disposed of as provided by this Chapter.

B. If the municipal or parish governing authority decides to license and regulate charitable gaming in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 4:706(C) and 707(B) and is satisfied that, except as provided in R.S. 4:715, no commission, salary, compensation, reward, or recompense whatever will be paid or given to any person holding, operating, or conducting any such game of chance, it shall issue a license to the applicant for the holding, operation, and conducting of the specific kind of games of chance applied accordingly.

C. No license for holding, operating, or conducting of any game or games of chance shall be issued under this Chapter to be effective for a period of more than one year.

D. The name, address, and location of any such establishment licensed for operating, holding, or conducting any authorized game, gaming or wagering activity, or game of chance issued pursuant to this Chapter, including the names and addresses of every person who has or controls, directly or indirectly, more than five percent ownership,

income, or profit interest, shall be submitted, and updated at least quarterly, to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board for inclusion in a central registry of licensed gaming operators pursuant to R.S. 27:15(B)(3)(c).

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