



Disqualifying Offenses for Initial Application Policy – Adopted July 25, 2025

Pursuant to [Ohio Revised Code \(ORC\) 9.78 \(C\)\(1\)](#), the Accountancy Board of Ohio (ABO) has adopted the following list of criminal offenses of which conviction of that offense may disqualify an individual from obtaining an initial license. These offenses have a direct nexus, i.e., a clear and substantial connection between a past criminal offense and the duties, responsibilities, or qualifications required for a license issued by the ABO.

If you have a criminal conviction and wish to apply for a license, you may make a request to the Board for a pre-determination as to whether your criminal conviction(s) might/will disqualify you from licensure. Please submit your request along with a completed criminal case form to the ABO for review. Your form can be emailed to us at AccBd-Ohio@acc.ohio.gov. Your criminal history will be evaluated based upon the aggravating and mitigating factors in the profession's practice act.

The Board will respond to your request within 30 days. The Board conducts a thorough investigation and considers a number of factors, including but not limited to, whether the applicant has made restitution, completed probation and/or otherwise been rehabilitated, the age of the offense, the facts and circumstances underlying the offense, and the total number and pattern of offenses. The Board is not bound by a determination made if, upon further investigation, the Board determines that the criminal convictions differ from the information presented in the determination request.

Please note that this determination is not required and does not prevent you from applying for a license. If you apply for a license and the Board proposes to deny your application, you will be afforded a hearing opportunity in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119. Also, a disqualification may be overcome if you hold a certificate of qualification for employment issued under [ORC 2953.25](#) or a certificate of achievement and employability issued under [ORC 2961.22](#).

A formal request is not necessary. Many convictions, such as traffic offenses and minor misdemeanors, will not bar an applicant from licensure. Feel free to contact us at AccBd-Ohio@acc.ohio.gov to find out if it is necessary to complete the criminal case form.

NOTICE: The list of disqualifying offenses is specific to the Accountancy Board and is not exhaustive.



Disqualifying Offenses for Licensure

ORC CHAPTERS	CHAPTER NAMES / OFFENSE NAMES
Chapter 102	Public Officers – Ethics
102.02	Financial disclosure statement filed with ethics commission
102.021	Former state officials to report certain financial information
102.03	Representation by present or former public official or employee prohibited
102.031	Conflicts of interest of member of general assembly
102.04	No compensation to elected or appointed state official other than from agency served
Chapter 1315	Transmitters of Money; Check-cashing Business
1315.55	Additional prohibited activities (money laundering)
Chapter 2705	Contempt of Court
2705.02	Acts in contempt of court
Chapter 2903	Homicide and Assault
2903.15	Permitting child abuse
2903.16	Failing to provide for a functionally impaired person
2903.216	Illegal use of a tracking device or application
2903.35	Filing false patient abuse or neglect complaints
Chapter 2905	Kidnapping and Extortion
2905.05	Criminal child enticement
2905.11	Extortion
2905.12	Coercion
2905.32	Trafficking in persons
2905.33	Unlawful conduct with respect to documents
Chapter 2907	Sex Offenses
2907.19	Commercial sexual exploitation of a minor
2907.21	Compelling prostitution
2907.22	Promoting prostitution
2907.24	Soliciting - after positive HIV test - driver's license suspension
2907.241	Loitering to engage in solicitation - solicitation after positive HIV test
2907.25	Prostitution - after positive HIV test
2907.33	Deception to obtain matter harmful to juveniles
2907.34	Compelling acceptance of objectional materials
2907.38	Permitting unlawful operation of viewing booths depicting sexual conduct
2907.39	Permitting juvenile on premises of adult entertainment establishment - use of false information to gain entry



Chapter 2909	Arson and Related Offenses
2909.02	Aggravated arson
2909.03	Arson
2909.04	Disrupting public services
2909.23	Making terroristic threat
2909.29	Money laundering in support of terrorism
Chapter 2911	Robbery, Burglary, Trespass, and Safecracking
2911.31	Safecracking
2911.32	Tampering with coin machines
Chapter 2913	Theft and Fraud
2913.02	Theft
2913.03	Unauthorized use of a vehicle
2913.04	Unauthorized use of property- computer, cable, or telecommunication property
2913.041	Possession or sale of unauthorized cable television device Telecommunications fraud
2913.05	Telecommunications fraud
2913.06	Unlawful use of telecommunications device
2913.11	Passing bad checks
2913.21	Misuse of credit cards
2913.30	Counterfeiting
2913.31	Forgery - Forging identification cards or selling/distributing forged IDs
2913.32	Criminal simulation
2913.33	Making or using slugs
2913.34	Trademark counterfeiting
2913.40	Medicaid fraud
2913.401	Medicaid eligibility fraud
2913.42	Tampering with records
2913.421	Illegally transmitting multiple commercial emails (spamming) - unauthorized computer access
2913.43	Securing writings by deception
2913.44	Personating an officer
2913.45	Defrauding creditors
2913.46	Illegal use of food stamps or WIC program benefits
2913.47	Insurance fraud
2913.48	Workers' compensation fraud
2913.49	Identity fraud
2913.51	Receiving stolen property



Chapter 2915	Gambling
2915.02	Gambling
2915.05	Cheating - corrupting sports
2915.07	Conducting illegal bingo
Chapter 2917	Offenses Against the Public Peace
2917.21	Telecommunications harassment
2917.31	Inducing panic
2917.32	Making false alarms
2917.321	Swatting
2917.33	Unlawful possession or use of a hoax weapon of mass destruction
Chapter 2919	Offenses Against the Family
2919.224	Misrepresentation relating to provision of child care
2919.231	Interfering with action to issue or modify support order
Chapter 2921	Offenses Against Justice and Public Administration
2921.02	Bribery
2921.11	Perjury
2921.12	Tampering with evidence
2921.13	Falsification - in theft offense - to purchase firearm
2921.22	Failure to report a crime or knowledge of a death or burn injury
2921.31	Obstructing official business
2921.32	Obstruction justice
2921.41	Theft in office
2921.42	Having an unlawful interest in a public contract
2921.43	Soliciting or accepting improper compensation
2921.51	Impersonation of peace officer or private police officer
Chapter 2923	Conspiracy, Attempt, and Complicity; Weapons Control; Corrupt Activity
2923.01	Conspiracy
2923.02	Attempt to commit an offense
2923.03	Complicity
2923.1211	Falsification of concealed handgun license - possessing a revoked or suspended concealed handgun license
2923.17	Unlawful possession of dangerous ordnance - illegally manufacturing or processing explosives
2923.20	Unlawful transaction in weapons
2923.21	Improperly furnishing firearms to minor
2923.241	Hidden compartments in vehicles
2923.32	Engaging in pattern of corrupt activity
2923.42	Participating in criminal gang



Chapter 2925	
Drug Offenses	
2925.05	Funding, aggravated funding of drug or marihuana trafficking
2925.22	Deception to obtain a dangerous drug
2925.23	Illegal processing of drug documents
2925.37	Counterfeit controlled substance offenses
Chapter 2927	
Miscellaneous Offenses	
2927.13	Selling or donating contaminated blood
2927.21	Receiving proceeds of an offense subject to forfeiture proceedings
2927.24	Contaminating substance for human consumption or use or contamination with hazardous chemical, biological, or radioactive substance; false report
Chapter 2933	
Peace Warrants; Search Warrants	
2933.52	Interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications
Chapter 2950	
Sexual Predators, Habitual Sex Offenders, Sexually Oriented Offenders	
2950.035	Unlawful work with or supervision of minors
Chapter 3599	
Offenses And Penalties	
3599.01	Bribery
3599.02	Bribery - offenses concerning voters or voting
3599.11	False voter registration - registration forms
3599.111	Per signature or per volume voter registration compensation prohibited
3599.12	Illegal voting
3599.14	Prohibited acts concerning declarations or petitions
3599.15	Purchase, theft, sale, destruction, or mutilation of petitions
3599.16	Misconduct of member, director, or employee of board of elections - dismissal
3599.20	Prohibitions concerning ballots generally
3599.21	Prohibitions concerning absent voter's ballot
3599.24	Interference with conduct of election
3599.25	Inducing illegal voting
3599.26	Tampering with ballots
3599.27	Possession of or tampering with voting machine, automatic tabulating equipment, or marking device prohibited
3599.28	False signatures
3599.29	Possession of false records
3599.33	Fraudulent marking or altering ballots or election records
3599.34	Prohibitions concerning destruction of election records
3599.36	Election falsification
Chapter 3772	
Casino Gaming	
3772.99	Casino gaming enforcement