

7515.0410 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

An applicant for a retail liquor license shall meet all of the following requirements of eligibility:

- A. The applicant shall be over 21 years of age.
- B. The applicant shall have good moral character and reputation. An applicant does not have good moral character and reputation if, based on past activities or criminal record, the applicant poses a threat to the public interest or to the effective regulation and control of alcohol or creates or enhances the dangers of unsuitable, unfair, or illegal practices, methods and activities in the manufacture, sale, distribution, or possession for sale or distribution of alcohol or the carrying on of the business and financial arrangements incidental to the manufacture, sale, distribution, or possession for sale or distribution of alcohol.
- C. The applicant shall not have been convicted within five years prior to the application of such license of any willful violation of law relating to the manufacture, sale, or possession for sale of alcoholic beverages or any felony.
- D. Neither the licensee or anyone with business interests in the entity pursuing licensure shall have had an interest in a license which was revoked within the last five years for a willful violation of any laws or ordinances, or any felony.
- E. The off-sale licensee and anyone with an interest in the business shall not have any interest, direct or indirect, in another off-sale retail liquor store in the same municipality neither as proprietor, partner, or corporate stockholder.
- F. The licensee cannot lease the business premises from anyone to whom no license could be issued, such as someone convicted of a willful violation of the Liquor Control Act.
- G. No applicant shall refuse to serve alcoholic beverages to any person because of race, color, or national origin, and no applicant shall discriminate in the selection of its membership on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

The licensee may lease from a minor, a noncitizen, or one convicted for a crime other than liquor offense, or a manufacturer or wholesaler who has been a bona fide owner of the premises since before November 1, 1933, as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 340A.301, subdivision 8.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 14.06; 299A.02; 340.507*

History: *L 1985 c 305 art 5 s 1; 17 SR 1279; 27 SR 1580; L 2015 c 9 art 1 s 8*

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