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315-20-010 Director may temporarily suspend license and remove terminal pending a hearing. (1) After review and consideration, the director may temporarily suspend a license or addendum thereto issued pursuant to these rules pending a hearing upon suspension or revocation of the license, or issuance of a renewal thereof, when in the opinion of the director:

(a) The lottery retailer has obtained the license or addendum by fraud, trick, misrepresentation, concealment, or through inadvertence or mistake; or
(b) The lottery retailer has engaged in any act, practice or course of operation as would operate as a fraud or deceit on any person, or has employed any device, scheme or artifice to defraud any person; or
(c) The lottery retailer has violated, failed, or refused to comply with any of the provisions, requirements, limitations, or duties imposed by chapter 67.70 RCW and any amendments thereto or any rules adopted by the commission pursuant thereto; or
(d) Immediate cessation of the licensed activities by the lottery retailer is necessary for the protection or preservation of the welfare of the community within which these activities are being conducted.

(2) After review and consideration, if the director determines that a retailer’s license shall be revoked or suspended, the lottery shall immediately remove all lottery terminals and material from the retailer’s store(s), in order to prevent any financial loss or harm to the integrity of the lottery. The retailer shall have the right to appeal the decision of the director, and, if the retailer prevails in a final court action which is not appealed, the lottery shall bear the cost of reinstal lation of the lottery terminal(s).

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WAC 315-20-020 Appearance and practice before the director—Who may appear. (1) No person may appear in a representative capacity before the commission or the director of his or her designated administrative law judge other than the following:

(a) Attorneys at law duly qualified and entitled to practice before the supreme court of the state of Washington.

(b) Attorneys at law qualified and entitled to practice before the highest court of record of any other state, if the attorneys at law of the state of Washington are permitted to appear in a representative capacity before administrative agencies of such other state, and if not otherwise prohibited by Washington state law.

(c) A bona fide officer, authorized manager, partner, or full time employee of an individual firm, association, partnership, or corporation who appears for such individual firm, association, partnership or corporation.

(d) Such other persons as may be permitted by the commission or director upon a showing by a party to the hearing of such a necessity or such a hardship as would make it unduly burdensome upon him to have a representative as set forth under subsections (a), (b), and (c) above.

(2) Nothing herein shall preclude an individual from appearing on his own behalf, pro se.

WAC 315-20-040 Standards of ethical conduct. All persons appearing in proceedings before the commission or the director in a representative capacity shall conform to the standards of ethical conduct required of attorneys before the courts of the state of Washington. If any such person does not conform to such standards, the commission or the director may decline to permit such person to continue to appear in a representative capacity in that proceeding or in any other proceeding before the commission or the director.

WAC 315-20-050 Appearance by former employee of commission or former member of attorney general’s staff. Former director(s), commissioners, employees of the director and the assistant attorney general assigned to the director and/or the commission shall not appear in a representative capacity on behalf of any party in a formal proceeding before the director, his or her designated administrative law judge or the commission unless:

(1) The appearance is more than two years after he or she severed his or her relationship or employment and

(2) He or she did not take an active part on behalf of the director or commission in the matter being decided.

WAC 315-20-060 Waiver of hearing. In any case involving violations of the lottery laws, rules or regulations, where the director deems it appropriate, the director may afford the lottery retailer an opportunity to waive a formal hearing which he has timely requested. If the lottery retailer so elects to waive formal hearing, he or she may then state in writing any matter in explanation or mitigation of the violations which he or she desires the director to consider in making his or her decision. The lottery retailer at the time he or she submits the waiver, may also request to be present when the director meets to consider his or her decision in the matter. In the event the lottery retailer elects to waive formal hearing he or she shall thereafter be bound by such election and may not thereafter request formal hearing.

WAC 315-20-075 Adjudicative proceedings—Subpoenas—Discovery. (1) The presiding officer may issue subpoenas to persons to appear and give testimony and may require the production of any books, papers, correspondence, memorandums, or other records deemed relevant or material and the presiding officer may issue protective orders all as a part of an adjudicative proceeding. The agency or its legal representative may issue subpoenas as may the attorney of the party against whom action is taken. All subpoenas must be filed with the presiding officer, together with proof of proper service, at least five days prior to the date of the hearing for which they are issued. Such subpoenas will issue and may be enforced in the form and manner set forth in RCW 34.05.446 and WAC 10-08-120.

(2) The presiding officer, upon motion or before the time specified in the subpoena for compliance therewith, may:

(a) Quash or modify the subpoena if it is unreasonable and oppressive; or

(b) Condition denial of the motion upon the advancement by the person in whose behalf the subpoena is issued of the reasonable cost of producing the books, papers, documents, or tangible things.

(3) The attendance of witnesses and such production of evidence may be required from any place within the state of Washington to any location where a hearing is being conducted.

WAC 315-20-085 Adjudicative proceedings—Depositions and interrogatories—Right to take. Unless otherwise provided, any party may take the testimony of any person, including a party, by deposition upon oral examination or written interrogatories for use as evidence in the proceeding. The deposition of a commissioner, the director, or the deputy director, may be taken only upon application to the presiding officer, for good cause shown and only in those circumstances where the statements or depositions of other staff members would not reveal the information, evidence, or details needed by the party for the case. The attendance of witnesses to a deposition may be compelled by use of subpoena. Depositions shall be taken only in accordance with this rule and the rules on subpoenas.
WAC 315-20-095  Adjudicative proceedings—Depositions and interrogatories—Notice. A party desiring to take the deposition of any person upon oral examination shall give reasonable notice of not less than seven days in writing to all parties. The notice shall state the time and place for taking the deposition and the name and address of each person to be examined. On motion of a party on whom the notice is served, the presiding officer may, for good cause shown, enlarge or shorten the time. If the parties so stipulate in writing, depositions may be taken at any time or place, upon any notice, and in any manner and when so taken may be used as other depositions.

WAC 315-20-105  Depositions and interrogatories in adjudicative proceedings—Protection of parties and deponents. (1) After notice is served for taking a deposition, upon motion reasonably made by any party or by the person to be examined and upon notice and for good cause shown, the presiding officer may make an order that the deposition shall not be taken, or that it may be taken only at some designated place other than that stated in the notice, or that it may be taken only on written interrogatories, or that certain matters shall not be inquired into, or that the scope of the examination shall be limited to certain matters, or that the examination shall be held with no one present except the parties to the action and their officers or counsel, or that the presiding officer may make any other order which justice requires to protect the party or witness from annoyance, embarrassment, or oppression.

(2) At any time during the taking of the deposition, on motion of any party or the deponent and upon a showing that the examination is being conducted in bad faith or in such manner as unreasonably to annoy, embarrass, or oppress the deponent or party, the hearing officer may order the party conducting the examination to cease forthwith from taking the deposition as above provided.

(3) If the order made terminates the examination, it shall be resumed only upon the order of the presiding officer. Upon demand of the objecting party or deponent, the taking of the deposition shall be suspended for the time necessary to make a motion for an order.

WAC 315-20-115  Production of documents and use at an adjudicative proceeding. (1) Upon request by any party to the adjudicative proceeding, copies of all materials to be presented at the adjudicative proceeding shall be provided to the requester within seven days of the request but, for good cause shown, not less than three business days prior to the date of the hearing.

(2) When exhibits of a documentary character are to be offered into evidence at the hearing, the party offering the exhibit shall provide a minimum of two copies, one for the opposing party and one for the presiding officer.