

LICENSING Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Do I need a license to race in Oklahoma?** Yes, a license is required to race, or work, at an OHRC-licensed racetrack/casino. Temporary or emergency licenses are not offered. Racehorse owner applicants under the age of 18 must also have a parent or legal guardian OHRC-licensed as their Authorized Agent.
2. **What is the deadline for an Owner or Trainer to be licensed?** You should be licensed no later than two hours prior to the first post of your race day. This deadline may be different for special races. It is always best to license as early as possible to prevent problems arising that could cause a delay or denial.
3. **Do I need to submit fingerprint cards?** Two (2) fingerprint cards per person are required when first applying, and on every fifth (5th) year thereafter for any applicant age 16 through 69. If age 70, or older, a background check is performed by name instead of fingerprinting. The OHRC does not reciprocate with other racing jurisdictions on fingerprinting.
4. **Can I designate “on file” as an answer to an application question?** No, the term “on file” is not an acceptable answer to any application question, including questions concerning rulings.
5. **Do I need to provide any documentation if I am not a United States citizen?** All natural persons fourteen (14) years of age or older and present in the United States applying for an OHRC license are required by the provisions of 56 O.S. Supp. 2007 § 71, to provide the Commission with acceptable documentation of identity and lawful presence in the United States prior to license approval.
6. **Can I be licensed if I have a felony, misdemeanor, or am on any type of probation?** If you have ever been convicted of any felony crime, misdemeanor violation of the Controlled Dangerous Substance Act (Drug Laws), any law regarding gambling, and/or are on any type of probation, parole, supervised release or suspended sentence, you must provide all details requested within the OHRC application, and provide a copy of the court record, including Judgment and Sentence documents. The application and documentation will be reviewed by the OHRC Law Enforcement department to determine license eligibility.
7. **Am I required to carry Workers’ Compensation Insurance?** If you employ any person working within the racetrack enclosure, you are required to provide evidence (Certificate of Insurance) of compliance with Workers’ Compensation Insurance laws.
8. **Do I need a Vendor license to sell goods or services on the racetrack/casino grounds?** The responsible party for an organization which will provide goods or services to an OHRC-licensed racetrack/casino must be licensed and have written approval (a “Vendor Letter”) from the racetrack administrative department to conduct business within the enclosure.
9. **How do I make an Open Claim?** Any request to claim a horse must be approved in writing by the OHRC Stewards department prior to licensing.
10. **How do I register a Stable Name, Partnership, LLC, etc.?** A Multiple Ownership Registration form must be completed by any Managing Owner who (1) conducts race operations involving more than one ownership interest (including husband and wife); or (2) conducts race operations under a fictitious name (a name other than the name of an individual real person, such as Stable Name, Corporation, Company, Syndicate, Estate, Trust, etc.)
11. **How do I take the Trainers test?** Please contact the Stewards office at an OHRC-licensed racetrack to schedule the written test. If the test has a passing score, the tester may be asked to take a hands-on test, also administered by an OHRC steward.
12. **What forms of payment are accepted for license and fingerprint fees?** Check, cash, money order, credit/debit card (Visa, MasterCard, and Discover). Credit/debit payments will be charged a non-refundable 2.25% total transaction merchant processing fee + \$2.00 convenience fee.