

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §19-11-10

## **§19-11-10. Suspension, revocation or denial of permits, licenses and certificates of proficiency.**

(a) The commissioner may deny any application for a permit, license or certificate whenever said permit, license or certificate has been applied for fraudulently, the applicant has grossly interfered with the duties of the commissioner or the applicant is determined to be not in compliance with or not able to comply with this article.

(b) The commissioner may suspend a permit, license or certificate whenever a health hazard exists, the permit, license, or certificate has been obtained fraudulently, the holder has grossly interfered with the duties of the commissioner or it is determined that the permit, license or certificate holder is dishonest, deceitful, incompetent or not in compliance with or is unable to comply with this article. A person whose permit, license or certificate has been suspended shall discontinue operations covered by the permit, license or certificate during the period of the suspension. The commissioner may issue a summary suspension in cases where violations of this article constitute a hazard to the public health, safety or welfare where the public interest requires immediate action.

(1) Except for summary suspensions, the commissioner shall give written notice to the person(s) affected by the pending suspension, stating that he or she contemplates suspension of the permit, license or certificate and giving reasons therefor. The suspension notice shall appoint a time and place for hearing and shall be mailed by certified mail to the business address of the permit, license, or certificate holder at least ten days before the date set for the hearing. The commissioner shall review the evidence presented at the hearing prior to issuing his decision.

(2) All summary suspensions shall be followed by a notice of suspension, the reasons therefor, and an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with this article.

(3) At the end of the period of suspension, the permit, license or certificate holder may resume operations without reapplication for a permit, license or certificate.

(c) The commissioner may revoke any permit, license or certificate issued under this article whenever a health hazard exists, the permit, license or certificate has been obtained fraudulently, the holder has grossly interfered with the duties of the commissioner or it is determined that the holder is dishonest, deceitful, incompetent or not in compliance with or is unable to comply with this article. Any person whose permit, license or certificate has been revoked shall immediately discontinue all operations covered under the permit, license or certificate.

(1) Before revoking any permit, license or certificate, the commissioner shall give written notice to the persons affected, stating that the revocation of the permit, license or certificate

is being contemplated and giving reasons therefor. The revocation notice shall appoint a time and place for hearing and shall be mailed by certified mail to the business address of the permit, license or certificate holder at least ten days before the date set for the hearing. The commissioner shall review the evidence presented at the hearing prior to issuing his decision.

(2) At the end of the period of revocation a new permit, license or certificate will not be issued without the filing of an application, payment of the required fee and compliance with all conditions that the commissioner shall require for the reissuing of such permit, license or certificate.