

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §31-17-5

## **§31-17-5. Refusal or issuance of license.**

(a) Upon an applicant's full compliance with the provisions of section four of this article, the commissioner shall investigate the relevant facts with regard to the applicant and his or her application for a lender's or broker's license, as the case may be. Upon the basis of the application and all other information before him or her, the commissioner shall make and enter an order denying the application and refusing the license sought if the commissioner finds that:

(1) The applicant does not have available the net worth required by the provisions of section four of this article, if applicable;

(2) The financial responsibility, character, reputation, experience or general fitness of the applicant, including its officers, directors, principals and employees, reasonably warrants the belief that the business will not be operated lawfully and properly in accordance with the provisions of this article; and

(3) The applicant has done any act or has failed or refused to perform any duty or obligation for which the license sought could be suspended or revoked were it then issued and outstanding.

Otherwise, the commissioner shall issue to the applicant a lender's or broker's license which shall entitle the applicant to engage in the business of lender or broker, as the case may be, during the period, unless sooner suspended or revoked, for which the license is issued.

(b) Every application for a lender's or broker's license shall be passed upon and the license issued or refused within sixty days after the applicant therefor has fully complied with the provisions of this article. Under no circumstances whatever may a person or licensee act as a broker and lender in the same transaction. Whenever an application for a lender's or broker's license is denied and the license sought is refused, which refusal has become final, the commissioner shall retain all fees to cover administrative costs of processing the broker or lender application.