

Just as the Pennsylvania Insurance Department (“PID”) strives to ensure equal, non-discriminatory access to insurance products for consumers, the Department also recognizes the need for equal access to engage in the business of insurance for those seeking to become licensed by the Department. The Department believes applicants with criminal backgrounds deserve second chances. The Department further believes that the following report will provide transparency and accountability in the application process to demonstrate the Department’s commitment to not denying licensure to applicants solely because of criminal convictions that do not relate to the business of insurance. While the Department seeks to provide transparency to the licensing process with this report, it is also important to note that the Department is committed to its consumer protection role and ensuring that only those worthy of licensure are licensed. Therefore, while the Department believes in second chances, there are certain convictions and circumstances that will necessarily continue to lead to denial of licensure in order to protect consumers.

The following data is for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

Total number of applicants: 52,423
 Total number of licenses granted: 52,408
 Total number of licenses denied: 15

The following chart provides data on the 15 applications for licensure that were denied in the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. In most cases of license denials, there will be multiple reasons for denial for a single application. The data provides the reasons, solely or in part, that were considered in license denials for this period. Therefore, there will be more reasons for denial listed than the total number of 15 applications that were denied.

Reason for Denial ¹	Number of licenses denied where this reason was considered	Types of Convictions
Commit a felony	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud • Conspiracy to Make and Pass Counterfeit Federal Reserve Notes • Conspiracy to Make and Possess a Destructive Device • Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice • Obstruction of Justice • Possession of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence

¹ 40 P.S. § 310.11(1)-(20) for producer licenses; 63 P.S. § 1606(a) for public adjuster licenses.

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Commit a drug-related felony	0	
Commit a theft-related misdemeanor	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identity Theft
Commit fraud, forgery, dishonest acts or an act of breach of fiduciary duty	2	
Provide Misleading Information on Application	11	
Violate Insurance Laws	6	
Misrepresentation/Fraud	1	
Misrepresent Terms of Insurance Contract/Application	2	
Fraudulent/Dishonest Practices that Demonstrate Incompetence	2	
License denied, suspended, or revoked from another state	7	
Failure to pay state income taxes	1	
Accept insurance business sold by non-licensed person	1	
Unlicensed Activity	1	