



# overview

John R. Kasich, Governor  
David Goodman, Director

77 South High Street, 23rd Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6123  
[www.com.ohio.gov](http://www.com.ohio.gov)



## **Division of Administration** 614 | 466 3636

The Division of Administration acts as a service entity to the entire department. Housed in the Division of Administration are the following sections: the Office of Director; Communications; Fiscal Administration; Human Resources; Information Technology Group; Legal; Legislative Affairs; Support Services; and Video Services. In September, 2007, the Department began regulating the new statewide video franchise process. The Video Service Section regulates cable television providers that have obtained video service authorization from the Director of Commerce. The Director also has the authority to investigate and enforce customer service standards.



## **Division of Financial Institutions** 614 | 728 8400

The Division of Financial Institutions regulates Ohio's state-chartered depository institutions and non-depository financial services. The Division also regulates trust companies and licenses domestic and foreign money transmitters. Examination, supervision, and regulatory activities are performed by the Division staff specializing in the operations of each specific industry. The Division's Office of Consumer Affairs educates Ohioans on how to protect themselves in the mortgage lending process, receives complaints against lenders, and refers borrowers to other organizations that can assist when lending laws have been violated, and cases are referred for prosecution.



## **Division of Industrial Compliance** 614 | 466 2223

The Division of Industrial Compliance (DIC) reviews and approves the building plans for the construction and renovation of commercial and public building projects. The Division also provides regulatory certification and inspection of boiler and elevator systems essential to public welfare and safety. DIC staff members conduct inspections of plumbing, electrical and structural systems; elevators; boilers; bedding and upholstered products. DIC provides testing, certification, licensing and continuing education services for numerous skilled trades in Ohio's building industry. The Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration administers and enforces Ohio's prevailing wage, minimum wage, overtime and minor labor laws. Ohio's prevailing wage law requires public authorities to pay the local prevailing rate of wages for work performed under public construction contracts.



## **Division of Liquor Control** 614 | 644 2360

The Division of Liquor Control is responsible for controlling the manufacture, distribution and sale of all alcoholic beverages in Ohio. The division is the state's sole purchaser and distributor of spirituous liquor (intoxicating liquor containing more than 21 percent alcohol by volume). Spirituous liquor is sold through more than 430 private businesses, known as contract agents. Revenues are used to help fund a variety of programs offered by various state agencies. Regulatory functions include the issuance of permits to the state's approximately 24,000 privately owned and operated manufacturers, distributors and retailers of alcoholic beverages. The division also regulates industry compliance with laws pertaining to the manufacture, importation and distribution of beer, wine and mixed beverages containing 21 percent or less alcohol by volume.



# overview

John R. Kasich, Governor  
David Goodman, Director

77 South High Street, 23rd Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6123  
[www.com.ohio.gov](http://www.com.ohio.gov)



## **Division of Real Estate & Professional Licensing** 614 | 466 4100

The Division of Real Estate & Professional Licensing licenses real estate brokers and salespersons. After licensure, the Division conducts audits to ensure compliance with Ohio law. When allegations of misconduct, fraud or unlicensed activity are made against licensees or registrants, the Division is charged with investigating such allegations, holding hearings, and imposing discipline as determined by the Ohio Real Estate Commission and the Ohio Real Estate Appraiser Board when warranted. The Division also supports the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission by registering complaints or disputes involving registered cemeteries.



## **Division of Securities** 614 | 644 7381

The Division of Securities' mission is to maintain a balance between enhancing capital formation and providing investor protection. This balance is achieved by administering and enforcing the Ohio Securities Act. The Act requires the licensing of those who sell securities or give advice about investing in securities; provides for the registration or exemption of securities sold and prohibits certain conduct in connection with the sale of securities and the giving of advice about investing in securities.



## **Division of State Fire Marshal** 614 | 752 8200

The State Fire Marshal's Office is the oldest established office of its kind in the United States. It consists of seven bureaus and one unit: Administration, Fire & Explosion Investigations, Forensic Laboratory, Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulation, Fire Prevention, Code Enforcement, Testing and Registration, and the Ohio Fire Academy. Responsibilities include modernizing and enforcing the Ohio Fire Code; designing and presenting fire prevention programs; analyzing fire-related criminal evidence; investigating the cause and origin of fires and explosives; training firefighters; providing fire-safety education to business, industry and the general public; regulating underground storage tanks; testing and training; and licensing and certification support services.



## **Division of Unclaimed Funds** 614 | 466 4433

The Division of Unclaimed Funds is responsible for the safekeeping and return of monies designated as "unclaimed." Each year, due to death, inadvertence or forgetfulness, thousands of people and organizations lose track of monies and intangible personal property in Ohio. Common examples of unclaimed funds are: dormant checking and savings accounts, forgotten rent and utility deposits, uncashed checks, undelivered stock certificates, and uncashed insurance policies.