

641—30.6 (105) Continuing education exemptions.

30.6(1) *Automatic exemptions.* A licensee shall be exempt from the continuing education requirement during the license biennium when that person:

- a.* Served honorably on active duty in the military service; or
- b.* Resided in another state or district having continuing education requirements for the discipline and met all requirements of that state or district for practice therein; or
- c.* Was a government employee working in the licensee's specialty and assigned to duty outside the United States; or
- d.* Was absent from the state but engaged in active practice under circumstances which are approved by the board.

30.6(2) *Permissive exemptions.* The board may, in cases involving exceptional hardship or extenuating circumstances, grant an exemption from some or all of the continuing education requirements.

a. A licensee seeking a permissive exemption shall apply to the board, in such form as the board may prescribe.

b. A licensee seeking a permissive exemption shall be required to provide all such documentary evidence as the board may request to establish the exceptional hardship or extenuating circumstances.

c. In the event of a claimed physical or mental disability or illness, the board may request information from a licensed health care professional who can attest to the existence of any such disability or illness.

d. A licensee who applies for a permissive exemption shall be notified in writing of the board's decision.

e. In granting an exemption, the board may impose any such additional conditions on the exemption including, but not limited to, the requirement that the licensee make up a portion of the continuing education requirements.

f. In lieu of granting a full or partial exemption, the board may grant the licensee an extension of time in which to complete the continuing education requirements.

g. The granting of an exemption shall not prohibit a licensee from seeking, or the board from granting, an exemption in a subsequent biennial continuing education compliance period(s).

h. Permissive exemptions shall only be granted in the most exceptional and extraordinary of circumstances.