

**481—961.5(154E) License renewal.**

**961.5(1)** The biennial license renewal period for a license to practice as a sign language interpreter or transliterator will begin on July 1 of an odd-numbered year and end on June 30 of the next odd-numbered year. The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration.

**961.5(2)** An individual who was issued a license within six months of the license renewal date will not be required to renew the license until the subsequent renewal date two years later.

**961.5(3)** A licensee applying for renewal will:

*a.* Meet the continuing education requirements as provided in 481—subrules 962.2(1) and 962.2(2) or, in lieu of meeting such requirements, provide proof of a current national interpreter certification issued by an organization recognized by the board (e.g., Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID); National Association of the Deaf (NAD); NAD-RID National Interpreter Certification (NIC)) as evidence of meeting continuing education requirements. A licensee whose license was reactivated during the current biennial license period may use continuing education credit earned during the compliance period for the first renewal following reactivation; and

*b.* Submit the completed renewal application and renewal fee, and attach verification of completion of continuing education hours on the website before the license expiration date.

**961.5(4)** A two-year license will be issued after the requirements of the rule are met. In the event the board receives adverse information on the renewal application, the board will issue the renewal license but may refer the adverse information for further consideration or disciplinary investigation.

**961.5(5)** The license certificate and proof of active licensure will be displayed in a conspicuous public place at the primary site of practice.

**961.5(6)** Late renewal. The license will become late when the license has not been renewed by the expiration date on the renewal. The licensee will be assessed a late fee as specified in 481—subrule 507.18(4). To renew a late license, the licensee will complete the renewal requirements and submit the late fee within the grace period.

**961.5(7)** Inactive license. A licensee whose license is inactive continues to hold the privilege of licensure in Iowa, but may not practice until the license is reactivated.

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