

645—60.8 (157) License renewal.

60.8(1) Biennial license renewal period for a license to practice cosmetology arts and sciences.

a. Prior to April 1, 2008:

(1) The renewal period shall begin on April 1 of one year and end on March 31 two years later. All licensees shall renew on a biennial basis.

(2) The board shall send a renewal notice by regular mail to each licensee at the address on record at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the license.

(3) The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration. Failure of the licensee to receive the notice does not relieve the licensee of the responsibility for renewing the license.

b. Beginning April 1, 2008:

(1) A licensee who has a license due for renewal in an even-numbered year shall renew all active licenses with the board by April 1, 2008. If one or more licenses are due for renewal in an odd-numbered year, the renewal fee for those licenses shall be prorated. Such prorated license fees shall apply only during the April 1, 2008, renewal period.

(2) The renewal period shall begin on April 1 of one year and end on March 31 two years later. All licensees shall renew on a biennial basis.

(3) The board shall send a renewal notice by regular mail to each licensee at the address on record at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the license.

(4) The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration. Failure of the licensee to receive the notice does not relieve the licensee of the responsibility for renewing the license.

(5) Licensees who renew their licenses one year early shall be subject to continuing education requirements by April 1, 2010. This extension does not apply to a license(s) originally scheduled for renewal on April 1, 2008.

(6) A new or reactivated license granted by the board to a licensee who holds a current license in another practice discipline in cosmetology shall have the same license expiration date as the licensee's other license(s). If the licensee does not have another active license with the board, the license expiration date shall be in the current renewal period unless the license is issued within six months of the end of the renewal cycle and subrule 60.8(2) applies.

60.8(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 two years later.

60.8(3) A licensee seeking renewal shall:

a. Meet the continuing education requirements of rule 645—64.2(157). A licensee whose license was reactivated during the current renewal compliance 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 before the license expiration date.

c. Licensees currently licensed in Iowa but practicing exclusively in another state may comply with Iowa continuing education requirements for license renewal by meeting the continuing education requirements of the state where the licensee practices. Those licensees living and practicing exclusively in a state which has no continuing education requirement for renewal of a license shall not be required to meet Iowa's continuing education requirement but shall pay all renewal fees when due.

60.8(4) Upon receiving the information required by this rule and the required fee, board staff shall administratively issue a two-year license and shall send the licensee a wallet card by regular mail. In the event the board receives adverse information on the renewal application, the board shall issue the renewal license but may refer the adverse information for further consideration or disciplinary investigation.

60.8(5) Late renewal. The license shall become late when the license has not been renewed by the expiration date on the wallet card. The licensee shall be assessed a late fee as specified in 645—subrule 62.1(3). To renew a late license, the licensee shall complete the renewal requirements and submit the late fee within the grace period.

60.8(6) Inactive license. A licensee who fails to renew the license by the end of the grace period has an inactive license. A licensee whose license is inactive continues to hold the privilege of licensure in Iowa, but may not practice cosmetology arts and sciences in Iowa until the license is reactivated. A licensee who practices cosmetology arts and sciences in the state of Iowa with an inactive license may be subject to disciplinary action by the board, injunctive action pursuant to Iowa Code section 147.83, criminal sanctions pursuant to Iowa Code section 147.86, and other available legal remedies.

60.8(7) Those persons licensed for the first time shall not be required to complete continuing education as a prerequisite for the first renewal of their licenses. Continuing education hours acquired anytime from the initial licensing until the second license renewal may be used.