

191—10.10(522B) Reinstatement or reissuance of a license after suspension, revocation or forfeiture in connection with disciplinary matters; and forfeiture in lieu of compliance.

10.10(1) Terminology. The term “reinstatement” as used in this rule means the reinstatement of a suspended license. The term “reissuance” as used in this rule means the issuance of a new license following the revocation of a license, the suspension and subsequent termination of a license, or the forfeiture of a license in connection with a disciplinary matter, including but not limited to proceedings pursuant to rule 191—10.21(252J,272D). This rule does not apply to the reinstatement of an expired license or the issuance of a new license that is not in connection with a disciplinary matter.

10.10(2) Application required. Any producer whose license has been revoked or suspended by order or who forfeited a license in connection with a disciplinary matter must apply to the commissioner for reinstatement or reissuance in accordance with the terms of the order of revocation or suspension or the order accepting the forfeiture.

a. All proceedings for reinstatement or reissuance must be initiated by the applicant, who shall file with the commissioner an Iowa Insurance Producer Application for Reinstatement or an Iowa Insurance Producer Application for Reissuance. An applicant is not eligible for reinstatement or reissuance until the applicant has satisfied the other prescribed requirements of rule 191—10.4(522B), including the timing requirements of subrule 10.4(4).

b. An application for reinstatement or reissuance must allege facts which, if established, will be sufficient to enable the commissioner to determine that the basis of revocation, suspension, or forfeiture of the applicant’s license no longer exists and must disclose whether the producer has engaged in any conduct that is listed as a cause for licensing action under Iowa Code section 507B.4 or 522B.11(1) that was not included in the order for suspension, revocation, or forfeiture.

c. An application for reinstatement or reissuance must allege sufficient facts to enable the commissioner to determine that it will be in the public interest for the application to be granted. The commissioner may determine it is not in the public interest if the producer has engaged in any conduct that is listed as a cause for licensing action under Iowa Code section 507B.4 or 522B.11(1) that was not included in the order for suspension, revocation, or forfeiture.

d. The burden of proof to establish such facts shall be on the applicant.

e. A producer may request reinstatement of a suspended license prior to the end of the suspension term; however, reinstatement will not be effected until the suspension period has ended.

f. Unless otherwise provided by law, if the order of revocation, suspension, or acceptance of forfeiture did not establish terms upon which reinstatement or reissuance may occur, or if the license was forfeited, an initial application for reinstatement or reissuance may not be made until at least one year has elapsed from the date of the order of the suspension (notwithstanding paragraph 10.10(2) “e”), revocation, or acceptance of the forfeiture of a license.

10.10(3) Proceedings. All proceedings upon the application for reinstatement or reissuance, including matters preliminary and ancillary thereto, shall be held in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 17A. Such application shall be docketed in the original case in which the license was suspended, revoked, or forfeited, if a case exists.

10.10(4) Order. An order of reinstatement or reissuance must be a written decision that incorporates findings of fact and conclusions of law. An order granting an application for reinstatement or reissuance may impose such terms and conditions as the commissioner or the commissioner’s designee deems appropriate, which may include one or more of the types of disciplinary sanctions provided by Iowa Code section 522B.11. The order is a public record and may be disseminated in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 22.

10.10(5) Voluntary forfeiture. A submission of voluntary forfeiture of a license must be made in writing as prescribed by the commissioner. Forfeiture of a license is effective upon the submission unless a contested case proceeding is pending at the time of the submission. If a contested case proceeding is pending, the forfeiture becomes effective when and upon such conditions as required by order of the commissioner. A forfeiture made during the pendency of a contested case proceeding is considered a disciplinary action and must be published in the same manner as is applicable to any other form of disciplinary order.

10.10(6) *Suspension in relation to expiration date.* When a producer's license has been suspended for a period of time that extends beyond the producer's license expiration date, the license terminates at the license expiration date, and the producer must request reissuance pursuant to subrule 10.10(2). However, reissuance will not be effected until the suspension period has ended. If suspension for a period of time ends prior to the producer's license expiration date and the producer has met all applicable requirements, the commissioner must reinstate the license as soon as practicable but no earlier than the end of the suspension period. However, the commissioner is not prohibited from denying an application for reinstatement or reissuance or bringing an additional immediate action if the producer has engaged in any additional violation of Iowa Code section 507B.4 or 522B.11(1) or otherwise failed to meet all of the applicable requirements.

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