

645—101.6(156) Renewal of funeral director license.

101.6(1) The biennial license renewal period for a license to practice as a funeral director will begin on the sixteenth day of the licensee's birth month and end on the fifteenth day of the licensee's birth month two years later. The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration. Failure of the licensee to receive notice from the board does not relieve the licensee of the responsibility for renewing the license.

101.6(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. Continuing education hours acquired any time from the initial licensing until the second license renewal may be used. The licensee will be required to complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education per biennium for each subsequent license renewal, with 2 of the 24 hours covering current Iowa law and rules as identified in 645—paragraph 102.3(2)“f.”

101.6(3) A licensee seeking renewal will:

a. Meet the continuing education requirements of rule 645—102.2(272C). 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. Complete an online renewal application on the board of mortuary science website and pay the renewal fee before the license expiration date.

Persons licensed to practice funeral directing will keep their renewal licenses displayed in a conspicuous public place at the primary site of practice.

101.6(4) Upon receiving the information required by this rule and the required fee, board staff will administratively issue a two-year license. 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.

101.6(5) A person licensed to practice as a funeral director will keep the license certificate displayed in a conspicuous public place at the primary site of practice.

101.6(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 645—subrule 5.14(4). To renew a late license, the licensee will complete the renewal requirements and submit the late fee within the grace period.

101.6(7) 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 as a funeral director in Iowa until the license is reactivated. A licensee who practices as a funeral director 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.

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