

**645—180.4(154) License renewal.**

**180.4(1)** The biennial license renewal period for a license to practice optometry will begin on July 1 of an even-numbered year and end on June 30 two years later. The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration.

**180.4(2)** An individual who was issued a license within six months of the license renewal date does not need to renew the license until the subsequent renewal two years later.

**180.4(3)** A licensee applying for renewal will:

*a.* Meet the continuing education requirements of rule 645—181.2(154) and the mandatory reporting requirements of subrule 180.5(4). 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.

**180.4(4)** Mandatory reporter training requirements.

*a.* A licensee who examines, attends, counsels, or treats children, dependent adults, or both in the scope of the licensee's professional practice will complete the applicable department of health and human services training relating to the identification reporting of child abuse, dependent adult abuse, or both. Written documentation of training completion should be maintained for three years. The training is not required if the licensee is engaged in active duty military service or holds a waiver demonstrating a hardship in complying with these training requirements.

*b.* The board may select licensees for audit of compliance with the requirements in 645—Chapter 181.

**180.4(5)** A two-year license will be issued after the requirements of the rule are met. If 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.

**180.4(6)** The license certificate and proof of active licensure will be displayed in a conspicuous public place at the primary site of practice.

**180.4(7)** 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 5.12(3). To renew a late license, the licensee will complete the renewal requirements and submit the late fee within the grace period.

**180.4(8)** 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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