

481—656.5(147,148E,272C) Biennial renewal of license required. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 148E.2, a license expires on October 31 of even-numbered years and can be renewed for the fee identified in 481—paragraph 651.2(2)“c.” The applicant for renewal shall provide an NCCAOM certificate that demonstrates that the applicant holds current active status as a diplomate in acupuncture or oriental medicine from the NCCAOM.

656.5(1) Expiration date. Certificates of licensure to practice acupuncture expire on October 31 in even years.

656.5(2) Prorated fees. The first renewal fee for a license will be prorated on a monthly basis according to the date of issue.

656.5(3) Renewal requirements and penalties for late renewal. The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration. Failure of the licensee to receive notice does not relieve the licensee of responsibility for renewing that license.

a. Upon receipt of the completed renewal application, staff will administratively issue a license that expires on October 31 of even-numbered years. 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.

b. Every renewal shall be displayed in connection with the original certificate of licensure.

c. If the licensee fails to submit the renewal application and renewal fee prior to the expiration date on the current license, a penalty stated in 481—paragraph 651.2(2)“g” will be assessed for renewal in the grace period, a period up until January 1.

656.5(4) Inactive license. Failure of a licensee to renew by January 1 will result in inactivation of the license, and the license will be invalid.

a. Licensees are prohibited from engaging in the practice of acupuncture with an inactive or lapsed license.

b. Having an acupuncturist license in lapsed status does not preclude the board from taking disciplinary actions authorized in Iowa Code section 147.55 or 148E.8.

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