

481—944.2(157) Continuing education requirements.

944.2(1) The biennial continuing education compliance period shall begin on April 1 of one year and end on March 31 two years later.

944.2(2) Each biennium:

a. A licensee in this state shall be required to complete a minimum of six hours of continuing education that meets the requirements of rule 481—944.3(157,272C). A minimum of four of the six hours shall be in the prescribed practice discipline and a minimum of two of the six hours shall be in the content areas of Iowa barbering and cosmetology law and rules and sanitation. Individuals holding more than one active license shall obtain four hours of continuing education in each prescribed practice discipline and an additional two hours in the content areas of Iowa barbering and cosmetology law and rules and infection control.

b. A licensee who is an instructor of barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences shall obtain six hours in teaching methodology in addition to meeting all continuing education requirements for renewal of the instructor's practice license. A licensee must comply with all conditions of licensure including obtaining a minimum of two hours each biennium specific to Iowa barbering and cosmetology law and administrative rules as specified in subrule 944.3(2).

c. A licensee 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 or states where the licensee practices. The licensee living and practicing in a state that 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.

d. A licensee shall be deemed to have complied with the continuing education requirements of this state during periods that the licensee:

- (1) Serves honorably on active duty in the military services, or
- (2) Is the spouse of an active duty military service person, or
- (3) Is a government employee working in the person's licensed specialty and assigned to duty outside of the United States, or
- (4) Is engaged in active practice and absent from the state, as approved by the board.

944.2(3) Requirements of new licensees. 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 any time from the initial licensing until the second license renewal may be used.

944.2(4) Hours of continuing education credit may be obtained by attending and participating in a continuing education activity. These hours must be in accordance with these rules.

944.2(5) Licensees who complete continuing education hours in excess of the requirements for renewal may apply up to 50 percent of the required hours to the following renewal period. Licensees may apply a maximum of three hours from the previous renewal period in the prescribed practice discipline. Licensees cannot apply any hours in the content areas of Iowa barbering and cosmetology law and rules or infection control to the following renewal period. A licensee whose license was reactivated during the current renewal compliance period may use continuing education earned during the compliance period for the first renewal following reactivation.

944.2(6) It is the responsibility of each licensee to finance the cost of continuing education.

944.2(7) Requirements for blow-dry stylists are outlined in Iowa Code section 157.12C.

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