

645—131.8(152C) License renewal.

131.8(1) The biennial license renewal period begins on the sixteenth day of the anniversary month and ends on the fifteenth day of the anniversary month two years later. The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration.

131.8(2) Continuing education does not need to be completed during the first biennial license renewal period and is not a prerequisite for the first renewal of a license.

131.8(3) A licensee seeking renewal shall comply with the following before the license expiration date:

a. Submit a completed renewal application and renewal fee specified in rule 645—5.8(147), before the license expiration date; and

b. Meet the continuing education requirements of rule 645—133.2(152C) and the mandatory reporting requirements of subrule 131.8(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.

131.8(4) Mandatory reporter training.

a. A licensee who, in the scope of professional practice or in the licensee's employment responsibilities examines, attends, counsels, or treats children and dependent adults in Iowa shall complete the applicable department of health and human services' training related to the identification and reporting of child and dependent adult abuse as required by Iowa Code section 232.69(3) "b." The licensee will indicate on the renewal application completion of such training.

b. The requirement for mandatory training for identifying and reporting child and dependent adult abuse shall be suspended if the board determines that suspension is in the public interest or that a person at the time of license renewal:

(1) Is engaged in active duty in the military service of this state or the United States; or

(2) Holds a current waiver by the board based on evidence of significant hardship in complying with training requirements, including an exemption of continuing education requirements or extension of time in which to fulfill the requirements due to a physical or mental disability or illness as provided in rule 645—4.14(272C).

c. The board may select licensees for audit of compliance with the requirements of this subrule.

131.8(5) Issuing renewals. Upon receiving the information required by this rule and the required fee, board staff shall administratively issue a two-year license renewal. 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.

131.8(6) Late renewal. A license not renewed by the expiration date will be assessed a late fee as specified in 645—subrule 5.8(4). Completion of renewal requirements and submission of the late fee within the grace period are needed to renew the license.

131.8(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 massage therapist in Iowa until the license is reactivated. A licensee who practices as a massage therapist 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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