

**281—84.5(256) Appeal of denial of a registration fee reimbursement award or an NBC annual award.** Any applicant may appeal the denial of a registration fee reimbursement award or an NBC annual award to the director of the department. Appeals must be in writing and received within ten working days of the date of the notice of denial and must be based on a contention that the process was conducted outside statutory authority or violated state or federal law, regulation or rule. The hearing and appeal procedures found in 281—Chapter 6 that govern director’s decisions shall be applicable to any appeal of denial.

In the notice of appeal, which shall be notarized, the applicant shall give a short and plain statement of the reasons for the appeal.

The director shall issue a decision within a reasonable time, not to exceed 30 days from the date of the hearing.