

481—780.8(148C) License renewal.

780.8(1) The license renewal period for a license to practice will begin on October 1 and end on September 30 two years later. The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration. Failure of the licensee to receive notice from the board does not relieve the licensee of the responsibility for renewing the license.

780.8(2) An individual who was issued a license within six months of the license renewal date will not be required to renew the license until the subsequent renewal date two years later.

780.8(3) A licensee applying for renewal will:

a. Meet the continuing education requirements of 481—Chapter 782 and the mandatory reporting requirements of subrule 780.8(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; and

b. Complete the online renewal application, pay the fee, and attach certificate of completion of continuing education hours before the expiration date.

780.8(4) Mandatory reporter training requirements.

a. A licensee who, in the scope of professional practice or in the licensee's employment responsibilities, examines, attends, counsels or treats children in Iowa will indicate on the renewal application completion of training in child abuse identification and reporting as required by Iowa Code section 232.69(3) "b" in the previous three years or condition(s) for waiver of this requirement as identified in paragraph 780.8(4) "e."

b. A licensee who, in the course of employment responsibilities, examines, attends, counsels or treats adults in Iowa will indicate on the renewal application completion of training in dependent adult abuse identification and reporting as required by Iowa Code section 235B.16(5) "b" in the previous three years or condition(s) for waiver of this requirement as identified in paragraph 780.8(4) "e."

c. The course(s) will be the curriculum provided by the department of health and human services.

d. The licensee will maintain written documentation for three years after mandatory training as identified in paragraphs 780.8(4) "a" through "c," including program date(s), content, duration, and proof of participation.

e. The requirement for mandatory training for identifying and reporting child and dependent adult abuse will 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.

(2) Holds a current waiver by the board based on evidence of significant hardship in complying with training requirements.

f. The board may select licensees for audit of compliance with the requirements in paragraphs 780.8(4) "a" through "e."

780.8(5) Upon receiving the information required by this rule and the required fee, a two-year license will be issued. 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.

780.8(6) A person licensed to practice as a physician associate will keep the license certificate and renewal displayed in a conspicuous public place at the primary site of practice.

780.8(7) Late renewal. The license will become late when the license has not been renewed by the expiration date on the renewal. A licensee will be assessed a late fee as specified in 481—subrule 507.14(4). To renew a late license, the licensee will complete the renewal requirements and submit the late fee within the grace period.

780.8(8) 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 physician associate in Iowa until the license is reactivated. A licensee who practices as a physician associate 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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