

645—261.6(148G,152B) License renewal.

261.6(1) The biennial license renewal period for a license will begin on April 1 of an even-numbered year and end on March 31 of the next even-numbered year. The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration.

261.6(2) An individual who was issued an initial license within six months of the license renewal date does not need to renew the license until the subsequent renewal two years later.

261.6(3) A licensee seeking renewal shall:

a. Meet the continuing education requirements of rule 645—262.2(148G,152B,272C) and the mandatory reporting requirements of subrule 261.8(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. Submit the completed renewal application and renewal fee before the license expiration date.

261.6(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 and dependent adults in Iowa will complete the applicable department of health and human services training relating to the identification and reporting of child and dependent adult abuse as required by Iowa Code section 232.69(3) "b."

b. 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, including an exemption of continuing education requirements or extension of time in which to fulfill requirements due to a physical or mental disability or illness as identified in 645—Chapter 262.

c. The board may select licensees for audit of compliance with the requirements in paragraphs 261.6(4) "a" and "b."

261.6(5) Upon receiving the information and the fee, a two-year license will be administratively issued. In the event the board receives adverse information on the renewal application, the renewal license will be issued but the board may refer the adverse information for further consideration or disciplinary investigation.

261.6(6) The license certificate and proof of active licensure will be displayed in a conspicuous public place at the primary site of practice.

261.6(7) Late renewal. A license not renewed by the expiration date will be assessed a late fee as specified in rule 645—5.17(147,152B). Completion of renewal requirements and submission of the late fee within the grace period are needed to renew the license.

261.6(8) Inactive license. A license not renewed by the end of the grace period is inactive. A licensee whose license is inactive continues to hold the privilege of licensure in Iowa, but may not practice respiratory care in Iowa until the license is reactivated. A licensee who practices respiratory care 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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