

481—804.8(147) License renewal.

804.8(1) The biennial license renewal period for a license to practice as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant shall begin on the sixteenth day of the birth month and end on the fifteenth day of the birth month 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.

804.8(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 two years later.

804.8(3) A licensee seeking renewal shall:

a. Meet the continuing education requirements of rule 481—805.2(272C) and the mandatory reporting requirements of rule 481—804.9(17A,147,272C). 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; and

b. Submit the completed renewal application and renewal fee before the license expiration date.

804.8(4) Mandatory reporter training requirements.

a. A licensee who is required by Iowa Code section 232.69 to report child abuse shall 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 “*e*.”

b. A licensee who is required by Iowa Code section 235B.3 or 235E.2 to report dependent adult abuse shall 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 “*e*.”

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

d. The licensee shall maintain written documentation for three years after mandatory training as identified in paragraphs “*a*” to “*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 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.

(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 an occupational or mental disability or illness as identified in 481—Chapter 500.

f. The board may select licensees for audit of compliance with the requirements in paragraphs “*a*” to “*e*.”

804.8(5) Upon receiving the information required by this rule and the required fee, board staff shall administratively issue a two-year license. In the event the board receives adverse information on the renewal application, the board shall issue the renewal license but may refer the adverse information for further consideration or disciplinary investigation.

804.8(6) Persons licensed to practice as occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants shall keep their renewal licenses displayed in a conspicuous public place at the primary site of practice.

804.8(7) Late renewal. The license shall become a late license when the license has not been renewed by the expiration date on the renewal. The licensee shall be assessed a late fee as specified in 481—subrule 507.11(4). To renew a late license, the licensee shall complete the renewal requirements and submit the late fee within the grace period.

804.8(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 an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant in Iowa until the license is reactivated. A licensee who practices as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant 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.

804.8(9) Compact eligibility review. This rule applies to licensees who were licensed prior to adoption of this rule. In order to complete the compact eligibility review, at or prior to the next renewal, a licensee must submit required waivers and fingerprints pursuant to the board-approved process to facilitate a national criminal history background check. The cost for the evaluation of the fingerprint packet and the DCI and FBI criminal history background checks will be assessed to the applicant. The board may withhold issuing a license pending receipt of a report from the DCI and FBI.

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