

653—20.10(147,148H,272C) Biennial renewal of license required. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 148H.3, a license expires on October 31 of odd-numbered years and can be renewed for the fee identified in 653—paragraph 8.14(2)“c.”

20.10(1) The applicant for renewal shall provide:

a. A renewal application provided by the board.
b. A letter sent directly from the ABGC or ABMGG to the board verifying that the applicant holds active certification in genetic counseling by the ABGC or ABMGG for genetic counselor licensure or a letter sent directly from ABGC or ABMGG to the board verifying the applicant has been granted active candidate status for provisional licensure.

c. Satisfactory evidence to the board that in the period since the license was issued or last renewed, the applicant has completed 30 hours of National Society of Genetic Counselors or ABMGG continuing education units as approved by the board.

20.10(2) *Expiration date.* Certificates of licensure to practice genetic counseling shall expire on October 31 in odd years.

20.10(3) *Prorated fees.* The first renewal fee for a license shall be prorated on a monthly basis according to the date of issue.

20.10(4) *Renewal requirements and penalties for late renewal.* Each licensee shall be sent a renewal notice at least 60 days prior to the expiration date. The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration. Failure of the licensee to receive the notice does not relieve the licensee of responsibility for renewing that license.

a. When online renewal is used, the licensee must complete the online renewal prior to midnight on December 31 in order to ensure that the license will not become inactive. The license becomes inactive and invalid at 12:01 a.m. on January 1.

b. Upon receipt of the completed renewal application, staff shall administratively issue a license that expires on October 31 of odd-numbered years. 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.

c. Every renewal shall be displayed in connection with the original certificate of licensure.

d. If the licensee fails to submit the renewal application and renewal fee prior to the expiration date on the current license, a penalty fee identified in 653—paragraph 8.14(2)“d” shall be assessed for renewal in the grace period, a period up until January 1 when the license becomes inactive if not renewed.

20.10(5) *Inactive license.* Failure of a licensee to renew by January 1 will result in invalidation of the license, and the license will become inactive.

a. Licensees are prohibited from engaging in the practice of genetic counseling once the license is inactive.

b. Having a genetic counselor license in inactive status does not preclude the board from taking disciplinary actions authorized in Iowa Code section 147.55 or 148H.7.

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