

645—261.2 (152B) Requirements for licensure.

261.2(1) The following criteria shall apply to licensure:

a. The applicant shall complete a board-approved application packet. Application forms may be obtained from the board's Web site (<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure>) or directly from the board office. All applications shall be sent to Board of Respiratory Care, Professional Licensure Division, Fifth Floor, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075.

b. The applicant shall complete the application form according to the instructions contained in the application. If the application is not completed according to the instructions, the application will not be reviewed by the board until properly completed.

c. Each application shall be accompanied by the appropriate fees specified in 645—subrule 5.17(1).

d. The applicant shall submit two completed sets of the fingerprint packet to facilitate a national criminal history background check. The cost for the evaluation of the fingerprint packet and the criminal history background checks by the Iowa division of criminal investigation (DCI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal history background checks shall be assessed to the applicant. The board may withhold issuing a license pending receipt of a report from the DCI and FBI.

e. The applicant has satisfactorily completed the certification or registration examination for respiratory therapists administered by the NBRC.

f. Licensees who were issued their licenses within six months prior to the renewal shall not be required to renew their licenses until the renewal month two years later.

261.2(2) Incomplete applications that have been on file in the board office for more than two years shall be considered invalid and shall be destroyed.