

The Board of Educational Examiners exclusively licenses the state's education practitioner's who do not hold or receive a license from another professional licensing board. Authority of the board includes establishing criteria for the licenses, including but not limited to: issuance and renewal requirements; creation of application and renewal forms; creation of licenses that authorize different instructional functions or specialties; development of a code of professional rights and responsibilities, practice, and ethics; and the authority to develop any other classifications, distinctions, and procedures which may be necessary to exercise licensing duties.

The board enforces its adopted rules through revocation or suspension of a license or other disciplinary action. Appeals are heard by the board regarding application, renewal, suspension, or revocation of licenses.

The board is made up of 11 members: two members from the general public and the remaining nine must be licensed practitioners. Members of the board shall be appointed to terms of four years. The director of education or the director's designee serves until the director's term of office expires.

Vocational Education Council, State

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The State Council on Vocational Education was created by the 63rd General Assembly in 1969. This council advises the State Board of Education on the development and administration of the state for vocational education. It conducts a biennial evaluation of vocational education. At least one public hearing is conducted annually.

ELDER AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF

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The Department of Elder Affairs was first created as the Commission on the Aging by the 61st General Assembly. In 1986, the responsibilities of the Commission were included in the duties of the Department of Elder Affairs. The Department was established under the "Elder Iowans' Act," which sets forth the state's commitment to its elders and their dignity, independence, and rights. The department is an advocate for elder Iowans and is responsible for developing a comprehensive and coordinated system of services and activities for older people through 13 designated area agencies on aging across the state. Within the department is a long-term care coordinating unit with responsibility for developing a long-term care plan for Iowa.

An eleven-member commission is the policy-making body with seven members appointed by the governor, two by the House and two by the Senate for four-year terms. The commission designates the area agencies on aging and approves and monitors the area plans for the elderly. The governor appoints an executive director subject to confirmation by the Senate.

The basic concerns of the department include income, health, housing, educational opportunities, employment, transportation, nutrition, volunteer opportunities, recreational activities, spiritual well-being, and community involvement in the problems of older Iowans.