

The following rule-making actions are proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend paragraphs **20.8(2)“f” and “h”** as follows:

f. A statement disclosing and explaining any informal or nonpublic actions, such as letters of warning, letters of education, any confidential retraining, or any kind of confidential action taken toward a genetic counselor’s certification or license which is not public discipline; warnings issued, investigations conducted, or disciplinary actions taken, whether by voluntary agreement or formal action, by a medical, genetic counseling or professional regulatory authority; an educational institution; a training or research program; or a health facility in any jurisdiction;

***This amendment defines the types of informal or nonpublic actions an applicant must report to the board as part of the license application process.***

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

***This amendment indicates the board will accept a letter sent directly from ABGC and ABMGG to the board as proof that an applicant has been granted active candidate status for provisional licensure.***

ITEM 2. Amend paragraphs **20.8(4)“a” and “b”** as follows:

a. Paying all fees charged by regulatory authorities, national ~~testing or credentialing~~ certifying organizations, health facilities, and educational institutions providing the information specified in subrule 20.8(2);

***This amendment replaces national testing or credentialing organization with national certifying organization.***

b. Providing accurate, up-to-date, and truthful information on the application form including, but not limited to, that specified under subrule 20.8(2) related to prior professional experience, education, training, active certification, licensure ~~or registration~~, and disciplinary history.

***This amendment removes registration as this does not apply to genetic counselors.***

ITEM 3. Amend paragraphs **20.8(5)“g”** as follows:

g. If the committee is not able to eliminate questions or concerns without dissension from staff or a committee member, and after consultation with an Iowa licensed genetic counselor, the committee shall recommend that the board:

***This amendment indicates the licensure committee shall consult with an Iowa licensed genetic counselor if the committee is unable to eliminate questions or concerns about an applicant.***

(3) If an applicant has not engaged in the fields of genetic counseling or precision medicine in the past three years in any jurisdiction of the United States, the Board may, after consultation with an Iowa licensed genetic counselor, require an applicant to:

***This amendment defines the practice of genetic counseling to include precision medicine and indicates the board shall consult with an Iowa licensed genetic counselor if an applicant has not engaged in active practice in the last three years in the United States to determine whether there is another option to demonstrate current clinical competency.***

3. If the genetic counselor is employed or has an offer of employment, successfully complete any other pathway as agreed by the board and the genetic counselor's employer;

***This amendment creates an option for an employer-based pathway for an applicant to demonstrate current clinical competency if an applicant has not engaged in active practice in the past three years in the United States.***

ITEM 4. Amend paragraphs 20.8(5)“h” as follows:

(3) If an applicant has not engaged in the fields of genetic counseling or precision medicine in the past three years in any jurisdiction of the United States, the Board may, after consultation with an Iowa licensed genetic counselor, require an applicant to:

***This amendment defines the practice of genetic counseling to include precision medicine and indicates the board shall consult with an Iowa licensed genetic counselor if an applicant has not engaged in active practice in the past three years in the United States to determine whether there is another option to demonstrate current clinical competency.***

3. If the genetic counselor is employed or has an offer of employment, successfully complete any other pathway as agreed by the board and the genetic counselor's employer;

***This amendment creates an option for an employer-based pathway for an applicant to demonstrate current clinical competency if an applicant has not engaged in active practice in the past three years in the United States.***

ITEM 5. Amend paragraph 20.8(6) as follows:

**20.8(6) Grounds for denial of licensure.** The board, on the recommendation of the committee, and after consultation with an Iowa licensed genetic counselor, may deny an application for licensure for any of the following reasons:

***This amendment indicates the board shall consult with an Iowa licensed genetic counselor prior to denying a license if the board believes there are grounds for denial of licensure.***

ITEM 6. Amend paragraph 20.10(1)“b” as follows:

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

***This amendment indicates the board will accept a letter sent directly from ABGC and ABMGG to the board as proof that an applicant has been granted active candidate status for provisional licensure.***

ITEM 7. Amend paragraph 20.11(1)"d" as follows:

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

***This amendment indicates the board will accept a letter sent directly from ABGC and ABMGG to the board as proof that an applicant holds active certification in genetic counseling or that an applicant has been granted active candidate status for provisional licensure.***

ITEM 8. Amend paragraph 20.11(2) as follows:

**20.11(2) Reinstatement:** If an applicant for reinstatement has not engaged in the fields of genetic counseling or precision medicine in the past three years in any jurisdiction of the United States, the Board may, after consultation with an Iowa licensed genetic counselor, require an applicant to:

***This amendment defines the practice of genetic counseling to include precision medicine and indicates the board shall consult with an Iowa licensed genetic counselor if an applicant has not engaged in active practice in the past three years in the United States to determine whether there is another option to demonstrate current clinical competency.***