

IC 25-27.5-4

Chapter 4. Licensure

IC 25-27.5-4-1

License required; conditions

Sec. 1. An individual must be licensed by the committee before the individual may practice as a physician assistant. The committee may grant a license as a physician assistant to an applicant who does the following:

- (1) Submits an application on forms approved by the committee.
- (2) Pays the fee established by the board.
- (3) Has either:
 - (A) successfully:
 - (i) completed an educational program for physician assistants accredited by an approved program; and
 - (ii) passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination administered by the NCCPA and maintains current NCCPA certification; or
 - (B) passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants before 1986.
- (4) Submits to the committee any other information the committee considers necessary to evaluate the applicant's qualifications.
- (5) Presents satisfactory evidence to the committee that the individual has not been:
 - (A) engaged in an act that would constitute grounds for a disciplinary sanction under IC 25-1-9; or
 - (B) the subject of a disciplinary action by a licensing or certification agency of another state or jurisdiction on the grounds that the individual was not able to practice as a physician assistant without endangering the public.
- (6) Is of good moral character.
- (7) Has been approved by the board.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.288-2001, SEC.10; P.L.90-2007, SEC.16; P.L.177-2009, SEC.52.

IC 25-27.5-4-2

Refusal of licensure; probationary license

Sec. 2. The committee may refuse to issue a license or may issue a probationary license to an individual if:

- (1) the individual has been disciplined by an administrative agency in another jurisdiction or been convicted for a crime that has a direct bearing on the individual's ability to practice competently; and
- (2) the committee determines that the act for which the individual was disciplined or convicted has a direct bearing on the individual's ability to practice as a physician assistant.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.90-2007,

SEC.17.

IC 25-27.5-4-3

Probationary license; conditions

Sec. 3. (a) If the committee issues a probationary license under section 2 of this chapter, the committee may require the individual who holds the license to meet at least one (1) of the following conditions:

- (1) Report regularly to the committee upon a matter that is the basis for the probation.
- (2) Limit practice to areas prescribed by the committee.
- (3) Continue or renew professional education.
- (4) Engage in community restitution or service without compensation for a number of hours specified by the committee.
- (5) Submit to care, counseling, or treatment by a physician designated by the committee for a matter that is the basis for the probation.

(b) The committee shall remove a limitation placed on a probationary license if after a hearing the committee finds that the deficiency that caused the limitation has been remedied.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.32-2000, SEC.15; P.L.90-2007, SEC.18.

IC 25-27.5-4-4

Temporary license

Sec. 4. (a) The committee may grant a temporary license to an applicant who meets the qualifications for licensure under section 1 of this chapter but is awaiting the next scheduled meeting of the committee.

(b) A temporary license is valid until the committee makes a final decision on the applicant's request for a license.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.90-2007, SEC.19; P.L.177-2009, SEC.53.

IC 25-27.5-4-5

Expiration of license; renewal

Sec. 5. (a) A license issued by the committee expires on a date established by the Indiana professional licensing agency under IC 25-1-5-4 in the next even-numbered year following the year in which the license was issued.

(b) An individual may renew a license by paying a renewal fee on or before the expiration date of the license.

(c) If an individual fails to pay a renewal fee on or before the expiration date of a license, the license becomes invalid and must be returned to the committee.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.1-2006, SEC.468; P.L.90-2007, SEC.20; P.L.3-2008, SEC.192.

IC 25-27.5-4-6

Reinstatement of invalid licenses; renewal of expired licenses

Sec. 6. (a) The committee shall reinstate an invalid license up to three (3) years after the expiration date of the license if the individual holding the invalid license meets the requirements under IC 25-1-8-6.

(b) If more than three (3) years have elapsed since the date a license expired, the individual holding the license may renew the license by satisfying the requirements for renewal established by the board and meeting the requirements under IC 25-1-8-6.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.269-2001, SEC.27; P.L.3-2008, SEC.193.

IC 25-27.5-4-7

Retirement from practice

Sec. 7. (a) An individual who is licensed under this chapter shall notify the committee in writing when the individual retires from practice.

(b) Upon receipt of the notice, the committee shall:

(1) record the fact the individual is retired; and

(2) release the individual from further payment of renewal fees.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.90-2007, SEC.21.

IC 25-27.5-4-8

Reinstatement of surrendered licenses

Sec. 8. (a) If an individual surrenders a license to the committee, the committee may reinstate the license upon written request by the individual.

(b) If the committee reinstates a license, the committee may impose conditions on the license appropriate to the reinstatement.

(c) An individual may not surrender a license without written approval by the committee if a disciplinary proceeding under this article is pending against the individual.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.3-2008, SEC.194.

IC 25-27.5-4-9

Inactive status

Sec. 9. (a) A physician assistant who notifies the committee in writing may elect to place the physician assistant's license on inactive status.

(b) The renewal fee for an inactive license is one-half (1/2) of the renewal fee to maintain an active license.

(c) If a physician assistant with an inactive license elects to activate the license, the physician assistant shall pay the renewal fee less any of the amount paid for the inactive license.

(d) An individual who holds a license under this article and who practices as a physician assistant while:

(1) the individual's license has lapsed; or

(2) the individual is on inactive status under this section;

is considered to be practicing without a license and is subject to

discipline under IC 25-1-9.

As added by P.L.90-2007, SEC.22. Amended by P.L.177-2009, SEC.54.