

65-2910. Renewal of license or certification; renewal requirements; expiration notice; fees; cancellation; reinstatement; inactive license; exempt license; federally active license. (a) The license of every licensed physical therapist and the certification of every certified physical therapist assistant shall expire on the date established by rules and regulations of the board which may provide renewal throughout the year on a continuing basis. In each case in which a license or certificate is renewed for a period of time of less than one year, the board may prorate the amount of the fee established under K.S.A. 65-2911, and amendments thereto. The request for renewal shall be on a form provided by the board and shall be accompanied by the renewal fee established under K.S.A. 65-2911, and amendments thereto, which shall be paid not later than the expiration date of the license or certificate.

(b) The board shall require every licensed physical therapist or certified physical therapist assistant as a condition of renewal to submit with the application for a renewal evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of continuing education required by the board. The board shall establish the requirements for each such program of continuing education by rules and regulations. In establishing such requirements the board shall consider any existing programs of continuing education currently being offered to licensed physical therapists or certified physical therapist assistants.

(c) At least 30 days before the expiration of the license of a physical therapist or the certificate of a physical therapist assistant, the board shall notify the licensee or certificate holder of the expiration by mail addressed to the licensee's last mailing address as noted upon the office records. If the licensee or certificate holder fails to pay the renewal fee by the date of expiration, the licensee or certificate holder shall be given a second notice that the license or certificate has expired and the license or certificate may be renewed only if the renewal fee and the late renewal fee are received by the board within the thirty-day period following the date of expiration and that, if both fees are not received within the thirty-day period, the license or certificate shall be canceled for failure to renew and shall be reissued only after the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant has been reinstated under subsection (d).

(d) Any licensee or certificate holder who allows the license or certificate to be canceled by failing to renew may be reinstated upon recommendation of the board, upon payment of the reinstatement fee and upon submitting evidence of satisfactory completion of any applicable reeducation and continuing education requirements established by the board. The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing appropriate reeducation and continuing education requirements for reinstatement of persons whose licenses or certificates have been canceled for failure to renew.

(e) (1) There is hereby created the designation of inactive license. The board is authorized to issue an inactive license to any physical therapist who makes written application for a license as a physical therapist on a form provided by the board and remits the fee established pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2911, and amendments thereto. The board may issue an inactive license only to a person who meets all the requirements for a license to practice as a physical therapist and who does not actively practice as a physical therapist in this state. An inactive license shall not entitle the holder to render professional services as a physical therapist. The provisions of subsections (c) and (d) relating to expiration, renewal and reinstatement of a license shall be applicable to an inactive license issued under this subsection. Each inactive licensee may apply to engage in active practice by providing to the board proof that a policy of professional liability insurance will be maintained in compliance with K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 65-2920, and amendments thereto, and rules and regulations adopted by the board.

(2) For the licensee whose license has been inactive for less than two years, the board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing appropriate continuing education requirements for exempt licensees to become licensed to regularly practice physical therapy within Kansas. Any licensee whose license has been inactive for more than two years may be required to complete such additional testing, training or education as the board may deem necessary to establish the licensee's present ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

(f) (1) There is hereby created a designation of exempt license. The board is authorized to issue an exempt license to any licensee who makes written application for such license on a form provided by the board and remits the fee for an exempt license established pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2911, and amendments thereto. The board may issue an exempt license to a person who is not regularly engaged in the practice of physical therapy in Kansas and who does not hold oneself out to the public as being professionally engaged in such practice. An exempt license shall entitle the holder to all privileges attendant to the practice of physical therapy for which such license is issued. Each exempt license may be renewed subject to the provisions of this section. Each exempt licensee shall be subject to all provisions of the physical therapy act, except as otherwise provided in this subsection. The holder of an exempt license shall be required to submit evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of continuing education required by this section. Each exempt licensee may apply for a license to regularly engage in the practice of physical therapy upon filing a written application with the board. The request shall be on a form provided by the board and shall be accompanied by the license fee established pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2911, and amendments thereto.

(2) For the licensee whose license has been exempt for less than two years, the board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing appropriate continuing education requirements for exempt licensees to become licensed to regularly practice physical therapy within Kansas. Any licensee whose license has been exempt for more than two years and who has not been in the active practice of physical therapy or engaged in a formal educational program since the license has been exempt may be required to complete such additional testing, training or education as the board may deem necessary to establish the licensee's present ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit a person holding an exempt license from serving as a paid employee or unpaid volunteer of: (A) A local health department as defined by K.S.A. 65-241, and amendments thereto, or (B) an indigent health care clinic as defined by K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto.

(4) A person who practices under an exempt license shall not be deemed to be rendering professional service as a physical therapist in this state for the purposes of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 65-2920, and amendments thereto.

(g) (1) There is hereby created a designation of federally active license. The board is authorized to issue a federally active license to any licensee who makes written application for such license on a form provided by the board and remits the same fee required for a license established under K.S.A. 65-2911, and amendments thereto. The board may issue a federally active license only to a person who meets all the requirements for a license to practice physical therapy in Kansas and who practices that branch of physical therapy solely in the course of employment or active duty in the United States government or any of its departments, bureaus or agencies. A person issued a federally active license may engage in limited practice outside of the course of federal employment consistent with the scope of practice of exempt licenses under subsection (f), except that the scope of practice of a federally active licensee shall be limited to providing direct patient care services gratuitously or providing supervision, direction or consultation for no compensation except that nothing in this subsection (g)(1) shall prohibit a person licensed to practice physical therapy issued a federally active license from receiving payment for subsistence allowances or actual and necessary expenses incurred in providing such services; and rendering professional services as a charitable health care provider as defined in K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto.

(2) The provisions of subsections (a), (b), and (d) of this section relating to continuing education, expiration and renewal of a license shall be applicable to a federally active license issued under this subsection.

(3) A person who practices under a federally active license shall not be deemed to be rendering professional service as a physical therapist in this state for the purposes of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 65-2920, and amendments thereto.

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