

- 65-7609. Renewal date of license; requirements to maintain license; notice of renewal and cancellation; cancellation of license; reinstatement of license; designation of license.** (a) The license shall be canceled on March 31 of each year unless renewed in the manner prescribed by the board. In each case in which a license is renewed for a period of time of less than 12 months, the board may prorate the amount of the fee established under K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 65-7611, and amendments thereto. The request for renewal shall be on a form provided by the board and shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee, which shall be paid not later than the renewal date of the license.
- (b) There is hereby created a designation of an active license. The board is authorized to issue an active license to any licensee who makes written application for such license on a form provided by the board and remits the fee established pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 65-7611, and amendments thereto. The board shall require every active licensee to submit evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of continuing education required by the board. The requirements for continuing education for licensed acupuncturists shall be established by rules and regulations adopted by the board.
- (c) The board, prior to renewal of a license, shall require an active licensee to submit to the board evidence satisfactory to the board that the licensee is maintaining a policy of professional liability insurance. The board shall fix by rules and regulations the minimum level of coverage for such professional liability insurance.
- (d) At least 30 days before the renewal date of a licensee's license, the board shall notify the licensee of the renewal date by mail addressed to the licensee's last known mailing address. If the licensee fails to submit the renewal application and pay the renewal fee by the renewal date of the license, the licensee shall be given notice that the licensee has failed to submit the renewal application and pay the renewal fee by the renewal date of the license, that the license will be deemed canceled if not renewed within 30 days following the renewal date, that upon receipt of the renewal application and renewal fee and an additional late fee established by rules and regulations not to exceed \$500 within the 30-day period, the license will not be canceled and that, if both fees are not received within the 30-day period, the license shall be deemed canceled by operation of law and without further proceedings.
- (e) Any license canceled for failure to renew may be reinstated within two years of cancellation upon recommendation of the board and upon payment of the renewal fees then due and upon proof of compliance with the continuing education requirements established by the board by rules and regulations. Any person who has not been in the active practice of acupuncture for which reinstatement is sought or who has not been engaged in a formal educational program during the two years preceding the application for reinstatement 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) There is hereby created a designation of an 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 established pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 65-7611, and amendments thereto. The board may issue an exempt license to a person who is not regularly engaged in the practice of acupuncture 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 acupuncture 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 acupuncture practice act, except as otherwise provided in this subsection. The holder of an exempt license may be required to submit evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of continuing education required by this section. The requirements for continuing education for exempt licensees shall be established by rules and regulations adopted by the board. Each exempt licensee may apply for an active license to regularly engage in the practice of acupuncture 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. 2016 Supp. 65-7611, and amendments thereto. 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 acupuncture within Kansas. Any licensee whose license has been exempt for more than two years and who has not been in the active practice of acupuncture 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. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit a person holding an exempt license from serving as a paid employee of: (1) A local health department as defined by K.S.A. 65-241, and amendments thereto; or (2) an indigent health care clinic as defined by K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto.
- (g) There is hereby created the designation of inactive license. The board is authorized to issue an inactive license to any licensee who makes written application for such license on a form provided by the board and remits the fee established pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 65-7611, and amendments thereto. The board may issue an inactive license only to a person who is not regularly engaged in the practice of acupuncture in Kansas and who does not hold oneself out to the public as being professionally engaged in such practice. An inactive license shall not entitle the holder to practice acupuncture in this state. Each inactive license may be renewed subject to the provisions of this section. Each inactive licensee shall be subject to all provisions of the acupuncture practice act, except as otherwise provided in this subsection. The holder of an inactive license shall not be required to submit evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of continuing education required by subsection (b). Each inactive licensee may apply for an active license 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. 2016 Supp. 65-7611, and amendments thereto. For those licensees whose licenses have been inactive for less than two years, the board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing appropriate continuing education requirements for inactive licensees to become licensed to regularly practice acupuncture within Kansas. Any licensee whose license has been inactive for more than two years and who has not been in the active practice of acupuncture or engaged in a formal education program since the license has been inactive 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.
- (h) This section shall take effect on and after July 1, 2017.

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