

R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.

R156-75. Genetic Counselors Licensing Act Rule.

R156-75-101. Title.

This rule is known as the "Genetic Counselors Licensing Act Rule."

R156-75-102. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 75, as defined or used in this rule:

(1) "Active candidate status", as used in Subsection R156-75-302b(1), describes an individual who has been approved by the American Board of Genetic Counseling (ABGC) to sit for the certification exam in genetic counseling.

(2) "General supervision", as used in Subsection R156-75-302b(2), means the supervisor has the overall responsibility to assess the work of the supervisee including at least twice monthly face to face meetings with chart review and weekly case review. An annual supervision contract signed by the supervisor and supervisee must be on file with both parties.

(3) "Unprofessional conduct", as defined in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 75, is further defined, in accordance with Subsection 58-1-203(1)(e), in Section R156-75-502.

(4) "Qualified continuing education", as used in this rule, means continuing education that meets the standards set forth in Section R156-75-304.

R156-75-103. Authority - Purpose.

This rule is adopted by the Division under the authority of Subsection 58-1-106(1) to enable the Division to administer Title 58, Chapter 75.

R156-75-104. Organization - Relationship to Rule R156-1.

The organization of this rule and its relationship to Rule R156-1 is as described in Section R156-1-107.

R156-75-302b. Qualifications for Licensure - Temporary License.

In accordance with Subsection 58-75-302(2), the requirements for temporary licensure are established as follows:

(1) An applicant shall meet all qualifications for licensure as established in Subsection 58-75-302(1) with the exception of Subsection 58-75-302(1)(e), and have active candidate status conferred by the ABGC.

(2) An individual practicing under the authority of a temporary license shall practice under the general supervision of a licensed genetic counselor or a licensed physician certified in clinical genetics by the American Board of Medical Genetics.

(3) A temporary license issued under Subsection 58-1-303(1)(a) shall expire on the date a non-temporary license is issued or 18 months after issuance of the temporary license, whichever is earlier. An individual may apply for and obtain a temporary license only one time and it shall not be renewed or extended.

(4) A temporary license shall not be issued if the applicant has failed the ABGC certification examination more than once.

R156-75-303. Renewal Cycle - Procedures.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-308(1), the date for the two-year renewal cycle applicable to licensees under Title 58, Chapter 75 is established by rule in Section R156-1-308a(1).

(2) Renewal procedures shall be in accordance with Section R156-1-308c.

R156-75-304. Continuing Education.

(1) In accordance with Subsections 58-1-203(1)(g), 58-1-308(3)(b) and Section 58-75-303, there is created a continuing education requirement as a condition for renewal or reinstatement of licenses issued under Title 58, Chapter 75.

(2) Continuing education shall consist of 40 hours (4 CEUs) in each preceding two year licensing cycle and shall be approved for recertification purposes by the ABGC.

(3) A licensee shall be responsible for maintaining competent records of completed continuing education for a period of four years after close of the two year period to which the records pertain. It is the responsibility of the licensee to maintain such information with respect to qualified professional education to demonstrate it meets the requirements under this section.

(4) A licensee requesting a waiver of the continuing education requirement shall comply with requirements established by rule in R156-1-308.

R156-75-502. Unprofessional Conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct" includes:

(1) violating any provision of the Code of Ethics established by the National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC), revised January 2006, which is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference; and

(2) if licensed as a genetic counselor and contracted to provide general supervision to a temporary genetic counselor, failing to provide such supervision as defined in Subsection R156-75-102(2).

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