

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 the 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 must 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) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-303(1)(a), a temporary license shall expire on December 31 immediately following the next available ABGC certification exam date. If the applicant fails the first sitting of the ABGC certification exam, the applicant may reapply for a second temporary license.

(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 50 hours (5 CEU's) in each preceding two year licensing cycle and must be approved for recertification purposes by the ABGC.

(3) A licensee shall be responsible for maintaining competent records of completed qualified professional 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 who documents circumstances which prevent the licensee from meeting the continuing professional education requirements established under this section may apply to be excused from the requirement for a period of up to two years. It is the responsibility of the licensee to document the reasons and justify why the requirement could not be met.

R156-75-502. Unprofessional Conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct" includes 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.

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