

**65-4205. Renewal of license; application; fees; continuing education; renewal of lapsed license; notification of change in name or address or criminal conviction.** (a) The board shall send a notice for renewal of license to all licensed mental health technicians at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of December 31. Every mental health technician who desires to renew a license shall file with the board, on or before December 31 of even-numbered years, a renewal application together with the prescribed renewal fee. Every licensee who is no longer engaged in the active practice of mental health technology may so state by affidavit and submit such affidavit with the renewal application. An inactive license may be requested along with payment of a fee as determined by rules and regulations of the board.

Except for the first renewal for a license that expires within 30 months following licensure examination or for renewal of a license that expires within the first nine months following licensure by reinstatement or endorsement, every licensee with an active mental health technology license shall submit with the renewal application evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of continuing education required by the board. The board by duly adopted rules and regulations shall establish the requirements for such program of continuing education. Continuing education means learning experiences intended to build upon the educational and experiential bases of the licensed mental health technician for the enhancement of practice, education, administration, research or theory development to the end of improving the health of the public.

Upon receipt of such application and evidence of satisfactory completion of the required program of continuing education and upon being satisfied that the applicant meets the requirements set forth in K.S.A. 65-4203, and amendments thereto, in effect at the time of initial licensure of the applicant, the board shall verify the accuracy of the application and grant a renewal license.

(b) Any licensee who fails to secure a renewal license within the time specified may secure a reinstatement of such lapsed license by making verified application therefor on a form prescribed by the board together with the prescribed reinstatement fee and, satisfactory evidence as required by the board that the applicant is presently competent and qualified to perform the responsibilities of a mental health technician and of satisfying all the requirements for reinstatement. A reinstatement application for licensure will be held awaiting completion of such documentation as may be required, but such application shall not be held for a period of time in excess of that specified in rules and regulations.

(c) (1) Each licensee shall notify the board in writing of (A) a change in name or address within 30 days of the change or (B) a conviction of any felony or misdemeanor, that is specified in rules and regulations adopted by the board, within 30 days from the date the conviction becomes final.

(2) As used in this subsection, "conviction" means a final conviction without regard to whether the sentence was suspended or probation granted after such conviction. Also, for the purposes of this subsection, a forfeiture of bail, bond or collateral deposited to secure a defendant's appearance in court, which forfeiture has not been vacated, shall be equivalent to a conviction. Failure to so notify the board shall not constitute a defense in an action relating to failure to renew a license, nor shall it constitute a defense in any other proceeding.

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