

**311.681 Renewal of certification -- Grace period -- Termination, suspension, revocation, and reinstatement of certificate.**

- (1) Any person certified as an acupuncturist shall renew his or her certificate every two (2) years. He or she shall pay to the board a renewal fee established by the board in administrative regulations. The fee shall be paid on or before June 1 of the year in which the certificate expires. A certificate that is not renewed within sixty (60) days after June 1 shall expire for failure to renew in a timely manner.
- (2) The board shall notify the certified acupuncturist of the renewal date at the acupuncturist's last known address. The notice shall include an application and notice of renewal fees. The certified acupuncturist's failure to receive the renewal notice shall not be considered an excuse to waive a late-payment fee.
- (3) A sixty (60) day grace period shall be allowed after June 1 of each year, during which the acupuncturist may continue to practice. The acupuncturist may renew his or her certification upon payment of the renewal fee and a late-renewal fee as established by the board in administrative regulation.
- (4) Any certification not renewed by the end of the grace period shall terminate, and the acupuncturist shall no longer be eligible to practice acupuncture in the Commonwealth. An individual with a terminated certification may have his or her certification reinstated upon payment of the renewal fee and a reinstatement fee as established by the board in administrative regulations. A person who applies for reinstatement shall not be required to take an examination as a condition of reinstatement if the person's reinstatement application is made within five (5) years of the date of termination.
- (5) A suspended certificate shall expire and terminate if not renewed. Renewal of a suspended certificate shall not entitle the certified practitioner to practice until the suspension has ended or the right to practice has been restored by the board.
- (6) A revoked certificate shall terminate and may not be renewed. If a revoked certificate is reinstated, the certified practitioner shall pay the renewal fee and the reinstatement fee under subsections (1) and (4) of this section.
- (7) If a person fails to reinstate his or her certificate within five (5) years of its termination, the certificate shall not be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated. The person shall obtain a new certificate under the conditions established KRS 311.674.

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