

**EXCERPTS FROM 655 IAC CHAPTER 4 DISCIPLINE
PERTAINING TO
APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT**

655—4.11(17A,147,152,272C) Application for reinstatement. Any person whose license to practice nursing has been suspended or revoked by order of the board or has been voluntarily surrendered may apply for reinstatement. A request for reinstatement must be accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the board's order and filed in conformance with these rules. The reinstatement request must be submitted with two sets of the fingerprint packet to facilitate a national criminal history background check, plus the fee identified in the definition of "fees" in 655—3.1(17A,147,152,272C). All fees are nonrefundable.

4.11(1) If the license was voluntarily surrendered, or if the order for suspension or revocation did not establish terms and conditions for reinstatement, an initial application may not be filed until one year has elapsed from the date of the order. Persons who have failed to satisfy the terms and conditions imposed by the board shall not be entitled to reinstatement.

4.11(2) The respondent shall initiate proceedings for licensure reinstatement by making application to the board. The application shall be docketed in the original case in which the license was revoked, suspended or voluntarily surrendered and shall be subject to the same rules of procedure as other contested cases before the board. The person filing the application for reinstatement shall immediately serve a copy upon the attorney for the state of Iowa and shall in the same manner serve any additional documents filed in connection with the application.

4.11(3) The application shall allege facts and circumstances which, if established, will be sufficient to enable the board to determine that the basis for the revocation, suspension, or voluntary surrender no longer exists and that it shall be in the public interest for the license to be reinstated. The application shall include written evidence supporting the applicant's assertion that the basis for the revocation, suspension, or voluntary surrender no longer exists and that it shall be in the public interest for the license to be reinstated. Such evidence may include, but is not limited to: medical and mental health records establishing successful completion of any necessary medical or mental health treatment and aftercare recommendations; documentation verifying successful completion of any court-imposed terms of probation; statements from support group sponsors verifying active participation in a support group; verified statements from current and past employers attesting to employability; and evidence establishing that prior professional competency or unethical conduct issues have been resolved. The burden of proof to establish such facts shall be on the applicant.

4.11(4) The executive director or an appointed designee shall review the application for reinstatement and determine if it conforms to the requirements imposed by these rules. Applications failing to comply with these requirements will be denied. Such denial shall be in writing, stating the grounds, and may be appealed to the board in compliance with the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 17A.

4.11(5) Applications not denied for failure to conform to the requirements imposed by these rules shall be set for hearing before the board. The hearing shall be a contested case hearing within the meaning of Iowa Code section 17A.12, and the order to grant or deny reinstatement shall incorporate findings of fact and conclusions of law. If reinstatement is granted, terms and conditions may be imposed.

