

**316.030 Embalmer's license -- Qualifications -- Funeral director's license -- Qualifications -- Restriction on place of practice -- Apprenticeship.**

- (1) No person shall engage in, or attempt to engage in, embalming or funeral directing in the Commonwealth of Kentucky unless the person is licensed under the provisions of this chapter.
- (2) All Kentucky-licensed persons who practice embalming or funeral directing in Kentucky shall practice from a funeral establishment that is licensed to operate under the provisions of this chapter.
- (3) One (1) member of every firm, and one (1) officer and one (1) stockholder of every corporation, that engages in embalming and funeral directing in Kentucky, shall be a Kentucky-licensed embalmer and a Kentucky-licensed funeral director.
- (4) The board shall issue an embalmer's license to an applicant who:
  - (a) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
  - (b) Is of good moral character;
  - (c) Possesses a high school diploma or a High School Equivalency Diploma;
  - (d) Has received an associate degree in funeral services from a college or university accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education;
  - (e) Has served an apprenticeship of one (1) year in a Kentucky funeral establishment under the supervision of a Kentucky-licensed embalmer;
  - (f) Has taken an active part during the apprenticeship in assisting with the embalming of at least twenty-five (25) dead human bodies under the direct supervision of a Kentucky-licensed embalmer;
  - (g) Has paid to the board an examination fee as set out in administrative regulations promulgated by the board; and
  - (h) Has passed an examination prepared or approved by the board.
- (5) The board shall issue a funeral director's license to an applicant who:
  - (a) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
  - (b) Is of good moral character;
  - (c) Possesses a high school diploma or a High School Equivalency Diploma;
  - (d) Has served an apprenticeship of three (3) consecutive years in a Kentucky funeral establishment under the supervision of a Kentucky-licensed funeral director. An associate degree in funeral services from a college or university accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education shall substitute for two (2) years of the apprenticeship. The completion of thirty (30) semester credit hours or the equivalent from an accredited college or university shall substitute for one (1) year of the apprenticeship. At no time shall more than two (2) years of the apprenticeship be substituted;
  - (e) Has taken an active part during the apprenticeship in assisting with the management of at least twenty-five (25) funerals under the direct supervision of a Kentucky-licensed funeral director;
  - (f) Has paid to the board an examination fee as set out in administrative

regulations promulgated by the board; and

- (g) Has passed an examination prepared or approved by the board.
- (6) An applicant may serve embalming and funeral directing apprenticeships concurrently.
- (7) At the beginning of an apprenticeship, an applicant for an embalmer's or a funeral director's license shall:
  - (a) Appear before the board;
  - (b) Pay to the board a registration fee as set out in administrative regulations promulgated by the board; and
  - (c) File with the board the sworn statement of the supervising Kentucky-licensed embalmer or the Kentucky-licensed funeral director averring that the applicant will work full-time under supervision in the funeral establishment and will receive a regular salary.
- (8) An applicant shall work full-time in the funeral establishment during the apprenticeship and shall receive a regular salary.
- (9) An applicant shall file with the board semiannually during the apprenticeship sworn statements by the applicant and the supervising Kentucky-licensed embalmer or Kentucky-licensed funeral director setting out the number of hours worked, the number of embalmings or funerals in which the applicant has assisted, and the salary received.
- (10) A Kentucky-licensed embalmer or a Kentucky-licensed funeral director shall not supervise more than five (5) applicants serving apprenticeships at any one (1) time.

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