

AN ACT relating to licensed diabetes educators.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 309.335 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) An applicant for licensure as a ***licensed*** diabetes educator shall:
 - (a) File a written application on forms provided by the board;
 - (b) Provide evidence to the board showing successful completion of one (1) of the following:
 1. A board-approved course in diabetes education with demonstrable experience in the care of people with diabetes under supervision that meets requirements specified in administrative regulations promulgated by the board;
 2. The credentialing program of the American Association of Diabetes Educators or the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators; or
 3. An equivalent credentialing program as determined by the board; ~~and~~
 - (c) ***Complete the required supervised hours as an apprentice diabetes educator as promulgated by the board in an administrative regulation; and***
 - (d) Pay licensing amounts as promulgated by the board through administrative regulation, with the following restrictions:
 1. Initial licensing shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100);
 2. Annual renewal shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100);
 3. Biennial renewal shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200);
 4. Late renewal shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150); and
 5. The reinstatement fee shall not exceed two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225).
- (2) (a) Licenses or permits shall be renewed annually or biennially if the board requires biennial license renewal by administrative regulation.
- (b) Licenses or permits not renewed within thirty (30) days after the renewal date

shall pay a late penalty as promulgated by the board in administrative regulation.

- (c) Licenses or permits not renewed within ninety (90) days of the renewal date shall lapse and may only be reinstated with payment of a reinstatement fee and initial licensing amount as promulgated by the board in administrative regulation.
 - (d) An apprentice diabetes educator shall not carry a permit for more than five (5) years without becoming licensed.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2) of this section, prior to July 1, 2014, a person who the board finds to have successfully achieved a core body of knowledge and skills in the biological and social sciences, communication, counseling, and education, by training or instruction, as well as experience in the care of people with diabetes under supervision that meets the requirements specified in administrative regulations promulgated by the board, may be issued an initial license by the board upon payment of an initial licensing fee, completion of a written application on forms provided by the board, and submission of any other information requested by the board.
- (4) Until May 1, 2014, notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, individuals who have practiced diabetes education for a minimum of one thousand (1,000) hours per year for the past three (3) years, but are not currently credentialed by the American Association of Diabetes Educators as a board-certified advanced diabetes manager or by the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators as a certified diabetes educator, may apply to the board for licensure as a diabetes educator by submitting the initial licensure fee and proof of employment, in order to continue to practice diabetes education, as defined by KRS 309.325(2).