

10A NCAC 70H .0114 LICENSURE

(a) License.

- (1) Licensure is required in accordance with G.S. 131D-10.3 and with rules in Subchapters 70F and 70H of this Chapter.
- (2) Licenses shall be in effect for two years unless suspended or revoked. Appeal procedures specified in 10A NCAC 70L .0301 apply for persons seeking an appeal of the licensing authority's decision to deny, suspend, or revoke a license.
- (3) Child-placing agencies for adoption licensed after September 1, 2011 shall have a three year or longer accreditation from either the Council on Accreditation (COA), The Joint Commission, formerly known as the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (TJC), The Commission on Accreditation and Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) or The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL).
- (4) Applicants shall inform the licensing authority of any current licenses or licenses held in the past five years for child-placing agencies, maternity homes, or residential child-care facilities in other states. Applicants shall provide written documentation from the licensing authority in other states regarding violations, penalties, or probationary status imposed in other states.

(b) Changes in any information on the license.

- (1) The licensing authority shall change a license during the period of time it is in effect if the change is in compliance with rules in Subchapters 70F and 70H of this Chapter.
- (2) A child-placing agency for adoption shall notify the licensing authority in writing of its request for a change in license, including information that is necessary to assure the change is in compliance with the rules in Subchapters 70F and 70H of this Chapter.

(c) Termination.

- (1) When a child-placing agency for adoption voluntarily discontinues operations, either temporarily or permanently, the child-placing agency for adoption shall notify the licensing authority in writing of the date, reason and anticipated length of closing.
- (2) If a license is not renewed by the end of the licensure period, the licensing authority shall automatically terminate the license.
- (3) When the license of a child-placing agency for adoption is terminated, the agency shall meet all requirements of a new agency prior to being licensed.

(d) Adverse licensure action.

- (1) The licensing authority shall deny, suspend or revoke a license when a child-placing agency for adoption is not in compliance with the rules in Subchapters 70F and 70H of this Chapter unless the agency within 10 working days from the date the agency received the deficiency report from the licensing authority submits a plan of correction. The plan of correction shall specify the following:
 - (A) the measures that will be put in place to correct the deficiency;
 - (B) the systems that will be put in place to prevent a re-occurrence of the deficiency;
 - (C) the individual or individuals who will monitor the corrective action; and
 - (D) the date the deficiency will be corrected which are no later than 60 days from the date the routine monitoring was concluded.
- (2) The licensing authority shall notify a child-placing agency for adoption in writing of the decision to deny, suspend or revoke a license.
- (3) Appeal procedures specified in 10A NCAC 70L .0301 are applicable for persons seeking an appeal to the licensing authority's decision to deny, suspend or revoke a license.

(e) Licensure shall be denied when any of the following conditions apply:

- (1) the applicant owns a facility or agency licensed under G.S. 122C and that facility or agency incurred a penalty for a Type A or B violation under Article 3 of G.S. 122C; or any combination thereof, and any one of the following conditions exist:
 - (A) A single violation has been assessed in the six months prior to the application.
 - (B) Two violations have been assessed in the 18 months prior to the application and 18 months have not passed from the date of the most recent violation.
 - (C) Three violations have been assessed in the 36 months prior to the application and 36 months have not passed from the date of the most recent violation.
 - (D) Four or more violations have been assessed in the 60 months prior to application and 60 months have not passed from the date of the most recent violation.

- (2) the Department of Health and Human Services has initiated revocation or summary suspension proceedings against any facility licensed pursuant to G.S. 122C, Article 2; G.S. 131D, Articles 1 or 1A; or G.S. 110, Article 7 that was previously held by the applicant and the applicant voluntarily relinquished the license and 60 months have not passed from the date of the revocation or summary suspension;
- (3) there is a pending appeal of a denial, revocation or summary suspension of any facility licensed pursuant to G.S. 122C, Article 2; G.S. 131D, Articles 1 or 1A; or G.S. 110, Article 7 that is owned by the applicant;
- (4) the applicant has an individual as part of their governing body or management who previously held a license that was revoked or summarily suspended under G.S. 122C, Article 2; G.S. 131D, Articles 1 or 1A; and G.S. 110, Article 7 and the rules adopted under these laws and 60 months have not passed from the date of the revocation or summary suspension;
- (5) the applicant is an individual who has a finding or pending investigation by the Health Care Personnel Registry in accordance with G.S. 131E-256; or
- (6) the applicant is an individual who has a finding on the Responsible Individual's List as described in 10A NCAC 70A .0102.

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