- **65-1943. Same; application for licensure; fees; requirements for licensure.** (a) An applicant for licensure shall pay a non-refundable fee established by rules and regulations adopted by the board and shall show to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant:
- (1) Has complied with the provisions of this act and the applicable rules and regulations of the secretary;
- (2) is not less than 18 years of age;
- (3) has a high school diploma or equivalent education;
- (4) has submitted evidence of completion of education or training prescribed and approved by the board as follows:
- (A) A training program under the direct supervision of a licensed tattoo artist, cosmetic tattoo artist or body piercer approved and licensed as a trainer by the board, or another state, in the area of practice in which the person seeks licensure;
- (B) has performed at least 50 completed procedures;
- (C) pays a non-refundable application fee set by the board;
- (D) provides verification of training;
- (E) completes eight hours of continuing education, approved by the board, in infection control and blood-borne pathogens, in addition to the infection control curriculum requirement; and
- (F) has successfully completed an examination approved, administered or recognized by the board.
- (b) An applicant for apprentice licensure shall be required to pay a non-refundable fee established by rules and regulations adopted by the board and shall submit an application to the board showing to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant:
- (1) Is not less than 18 years of age;
- (2) has a high school diploma or equivalent education; and
- (3) will be studying under a trainer approved by the board.
- (c) Any applicant who possesses the necessary qualifications to take an examination, as determined by the board, upon application and payment of a non-refundable fee established by rules and regulations adopted by the board, may be issued a temporary permit by the board to practice cosmetic tattooing, tattooing or body piercing until the next regular examination conducted by the board.
- (d) As a condition of biennial license renewal, licensees shall complete five hours of continuing education, approved by the board, in infection control and blood-borne pathogens, in addition to paying any non-refundable renewal fee set by the board. Successfully completing the exam is not a substitute for continuing education requirements.
- (e) If an applicant seeks renewal within six months after the expiration of the practitioner's license, the license may be renewed by submitting, within the six month late renewal period:
- (1) The non-refundable renewal fee;
- (2) the non-refundable delinquent fee; and
- (3) documentation of completion of eight hours of continuing education, approved by the board, in infection control and blood-borne pathogens.
- (f) If an applicant seeks renewal more than six months after the expiration of a practitioner's license, the license may be renewed by submitting:
- (1) The application and application fee;
- (2) the renewal fee;
- (3) the delinquent fee; and
- (4) documentation of completion of eight hours of continuing education, approved by the board, in infection control and blood-borne pathogens. The continuing education hours shall have been obtained within two months of the submission of the application and fees.
- (g) An applicant seeking a license as a trainer shall:
- (1) Pay any fees set by the board;
- (2) concurrently maintain a practitioner's license;
- (3) have no more than one apprentice at any time; and
- (4) maintain direct supervision of the apprentice.
- (h) All application, renewal and delinquent fees shall be non-refundable.

**History:** L. 1996, ch. 138, § 4; L. 2008, ch. 108, § 14; L. 2014, ch. 130, § 5; July 1.