WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-3H-6

§30-3H-6. ACS Permit.

(a) An ACS permit authorizes an individual who has attained Active Candidate Status with the ABGC to practice genetic counseling under the supervision of a qualified supervisor and in accord with the board's legislative rules regarding supervised practice.

(b) The Board shall issue an ACS permit to an applicant who:

(1) Submits an application for license to the board on a form approved by the board;

(2) Pays the applicable fee, as established in legislative rule;

(3) Provides satisfactory evidence that he or she currently holds an Active Candidate Status from the ABGC; and

(4) Has fulfilled any other requirement specified by the board in legislative rule.

(c) An ACS permit granted by the board shall be valid for up to one year from the date issuance, and shall expire upon the earliest of the following:

(1) The granting of a genetic counselor license pursuant to §30-3H-4 of this code;

(2) Thirty days after an ACS permittee no longer holds an Active Candidate Status with the ABGC;

(3) Upon notice to the ACS permittee of failure of the ABGC certification exam; or

(4) One year after the issuance of the permit.

(d) An ACS permittee shall apply for and take the ABGC certification examination within 12 months of the issuance of an ACS permit by the board.

(e) The board may, and only once, extend an ACS permit for a limited period specified by the board, if the person maintains Active Candidate Status with the ABGC and has not failed the ABGC certification exam during the initial permit period.

(f) A person who holds an ABGC permit may only practice genetic counseling if he or she has entered into a written genetic counseling supervision agreement with a qualified supervisor and practices under qualified supervision at all times. The board shall promulgate rules for legislative approval governing direct supervision of a person holding an ACS permit.

(g) The board shall issue a certificate to each person who is approved for supervised genetic counseling practice under this article.

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