

Article 12. Continuing Education

4270. Continuing Education Required

(a) Each naturopathic doctor is required to complete at least sixty (60) hours of continuing education during each renewal period.

(b) Twenty hours of the required continuing education shall be in pharmacotherapeutics pursuant to Section 3634 (a)(1) of the code. For purposes of this requirement, "pharmacotherapeutics" is defined to mean the study of the use of drugs in the treatment of disease.

(c) A naturopathic doctor who cannot complete the minimum hours required under subsection (a) may apply for a waiver pursuant to Section 4278.

(d) Each naturopathic doctor renewing his or her license under the provisions of Section 3634 of the code shall be required to submit proof satisfactory to the Committee of compliance with the provisions of this article.

(e) Such proof shall be submitted at the time of the license renewal on a form provided by the Committee.

(f) This section shall not apply to any naturopathic doctor who is renewing for the first time.

(g) Any naturopathic doctor whose license has been expired for two years or more shall complete the required hours of approved continuing education for the prior two years before such license may be restored.

(h) Credit will not be given toward approved continuing education coursework which is substantially similar to coursework which was successfully completed within the preceding three (3) years and used to meet the continuing education requirements of this article and Section 3635 of the code.

4272. Sanctions for Noncompliance

(a) Any naturopathic doctor who does not complete the required number of continuing education hours shall be ineligible for the next renewal of his or her license to practice naturopathic medicine until such time as the deficient hours of continuing education are documented to the Committee.

(b) Fraudulently misrepresenting compliance with the continuing education requirements of Section 3635 of the code and this article shall constitute making a false statement pursuant to Section 480, subd. (c), of the code.

4274. Waiver of Requirement

(a) The Committee, may, in its discretion exempt from the continuing education requirements, any naturopathic doctor who for reasons of health, military service, or undue hardship cannot meet those requirements. Applications for waivers shall be submitted to the Committee for its consideration along with the application for license renewal.

(b) Any naturopathic doctor who submits an application for a waiver which is denied by the Committee shall otherwise comply with the provisions of this article or be subject to the sanctions for noncompliance set forth in Section 4272.