



Genetic Counseling Program

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Division 250
GENETIC COUNSELING GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

331-250-0010

Definitions

The following definitions apply to OAR 331-200-0010 to OAR 331-210-0010:

- (1) “ABGC” means the American Board of Genetic Counseling.
- (2) “ABMGG” means the American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics.
- (3) “ACGC” Means the Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling.
- (4) “Genetic counseling” has the meaning set forth in House Bill 2619 (2021).
- (5) “Good standing” means no unresolved or outstanding disciplinary actions.
- (6) “Licensed genetic counselor” means a licensed genetic counselor as defined in House Bill 2619 (2021).
- (7) “Office” means the Health Licensing Office.

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331-250-0020

Fees

- (1) An applicant or license holder is subject to the provisions of OAR 331-010-0010 and OAR 331-010-0020 regarding the payment of fees, penalties, and charges.
- (2) Fees established by the Office pursuant to ORS 676.576 are:
 - (a) Application:
 - (A) License: \$150.
 - (B) Temporary license: \$150
 - (b) Original issuance:
 - (A) License: \$50 – valid for one year.
 - (B) Temporary license: \$50 – valid for one year.
 - (c) Renewal of license:
 - (A) License: \$50 – valid for one year.

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http://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/oregon_administrative_rules.aspx or call (503) 373-0701

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- (B) Temporary license: \$50 – valid for one year.
- (d) Replacement: \$25.
- (e) Late renewal of authorization fee: \$40 for each year of inactive status up to three years.
- (f) Administrative fee: \$25.
- (g) Affidavit of licensure, as defined in OAR 331-030-0040: \$50.

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**Division 255
LICENSURE OF GENETIC COUNSELORS**

331-255-0010

Application Requirements for Initial Licensure as a Licensed Genetic Counselor

An individual applying for initial licensure as a licensed genetic counselor must:

- (1) Meet the requirements of OAR 331 Division 30.
- (2) Submit a completed application form prescribed by the Office, which must contain the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000.
- (3) Be at least 18 years old.
- (4) Arrange for official documentation to be mailed to the Office from the certifying organization proving that the applicant has an active credential specific to genetic counseling from the ABGC or the ABMGG.
- (5) Pay all licensing fees.

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331-255-0020

Temporary License - Licensed Genetic Counselor Temporary License

- (1) A licensed genetic counselor temporary license authorizes a holder to practice genetic counseling.
- (2) A licensed genetic counselor temporary license is valid for one year and may be renewed once, resulting in the temporary license being valid for a two-year maximum duration, in any of the following circumstances:
 - (a) The temporary license holder submits to the HLO satisfactory proof that the holder has not yet passed the certification examination and that there is no available certification examination before the temporary license becomes inactive.
 - (b) The temporary license holder submits to the HLO satisfactory proof of extenuating circumstances that impact the holder's ability to take the certification examination, including, but not limited to, a medical condition, automobile accident, catastrophe, natural disaster, or epidemic

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331-255-0030

Application Requirements for a Temporary Licensed Genetic Counselor License

To qualify for a temporary license, the applicant must:

- (1) Meet the requirements of OAR 331 Division 30.
- (2) Submit a completed application form prescribed by the Office, which must contain the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000.
- (3) Submit official transcripts from an ACGC-accredited program.
- (4) Have the ABGC send verification that the applicant is in active candidate status; and
- (5) Be at least 18 years old.
- (6) Pay all licensing fees.

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331-255-0040

Licensure Issuance and Renewal

- (1) Licensure and renewal: A license is subject to the provisions of OAR Chapter 331, Division 30 regarding the issuance and renewal of a license, authorization to practice, identification, and duplicate licenses.
- (2) License renewal: To avoid late fees, a license must be renewed before the license becomes inactive as described in section (3) of this rule. To renew a license, the licensee must:
 - (a) Submit a renewal application form.
 - (b) Pay the renewal fee pursuant to OAR 331-200-0020.
- (3) Inactive license renewal: A license becomes inactive if it is not renewed before its “active through” date. A license may be inactive for up to three years, but an inactive license does not authorize its holder to practice genetic counseling or use the title or designation of “Licensed Genetic Counselor.” To renew an inactive license, the licensee must:
 - (a) Submit a renewal application form; and
 - (b) Pay the delinquency and renewal fees pursuant to 331-200-0020.

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(4) Expired license: A license that has been inactive for more than three years is expired, and the licensee must reapply for licensure and meet the requirements listed in OAR 331-205-0000.

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Division 260
PRACTICE GUIDELINES

331-260-0010

Guidelines for Licensed Genetic Counselors

(1) When appropriate and in the manner consistent with the practice of patient-and family-centered care, a licensed genetic counselor shall provide to a patient, or a patient's family, contact information for support programs and services related to the patient's genetic or medical condition or disease, including information for hotlines, resource centers, local and national organizations, and other educational programs.

(2) A licensed genetic counselor must not diagnose, test for, or treat a genetic or medical condition or disease.

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