

- (A) A volunteer's certificate may be issued, without examination, to an applicant who is retired from practice and meets the eligibility requirements of section 4731.295 of the Revised Code, including having maintained for at least ten years prior to retirement full licensure in good standing in each jurisdiction in the United States that the applicant held such licensure or practiced for at least ten years in one or more branches of the armed services. Full licensure in good standing is a license or other authority granted by the appropriate entity or governmental body which lawfully permits the applicant to practice all branches of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery without government restriction or limitation.
- (B) For purposes of issuance of a volunteer's certificate, an applicant shall be considered retired from practice if their license or certificate has been surrendered or allowed to expire with the intention of ceasing to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery for remuneration in this or any other state, without request to do so by the proper licensing authority of the state and without knowledge that they are the subject of an active investigation by the proper licensing authority of the state.
- (C) The board may require the applicant to demonstrate present fitness to practice in the manner provided in section 4731.222 of the Revised Code before issuing a volunteer's certificate to an applicant whose certificate has been in an inactive status for more than two years or who has not been engaged in the active practice of ~~the~~this or her profession for more than two years.
- (D) The holder of a volunteer's certificate may provide medical services only on the premises of a nonprofit shelter or health care facility and only to indigent and uninsured persons. The holder shall not accept any form of remuneration for providing medical services while in possession of the certificate.
- (E) The holder of a volunteer's certificate shall not perform any operation or deliver babies, except in a medical emergency.
- (F) The Board, pursuant to adjudicatory hearing under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and by a vote of not fewer than six members, shall, to the extent permitted by law, limit, revoke, or suspend a certificate, refuse to register or refuse to reinstate an applicant, or reprimand or place on probation the holder of a certificate for a violation of a grounds for discipline pursuant to section 4731.22 of the Revised Code, including engaging in practice outside the scope of the volunteer's certificate.
- (G) A volunteer's certificate shall be valid for a period of three years ~~beginning November 15, 1995, or upon its date of issuance, and shall expire on November 15, 1998~~ from its date of issuance. The board may renew a certificate upon proper

application. The board shall not charge a fee for issuing or renewing a volunteer's certificate.

(H) To be eligible for renewal of a volunteer's certificate the holder of the certificate shall certify to the board completion of one hundred fifty hours of continuing medical education or its pro rata equivalent that meets the requirements of section 4731.281 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under that section. The Board shall not renew a certificate if the holder has not complied with the continuing medical education requirements. The nonprofit shelter or health care facility in which the holder provides medical services may pay for or reimburse the holder for any costs incurred in obtaining the required continuing medical education credits.

~~(I) A volunteer's certificate the Board has issued pursuant to section 4731.291 of the Revised Code shall automatically terminate on November 15, 2000, unless such date is extended by statute.~~

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Certification

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