

**2150.2660 VARIANCE FROM CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.**

Subpart 1. **General.** If a licensee is unable to meet the continuing education requirements by the renewal date, the licensee may request a time-limited variance to fulfill the requirement after the renewal date. A licensee seeking a variance is considered to be renewing late, and is subject to the late renewal fee, regardless of when the request is received or whether the variance is granted.

Subp. 2. **Procedure.** The licensee shall submit the variance request on a form designated by the board, and include the variance fee in Minnesota Statutes, section 14.056, and the late fee for licensure renewal. The variance request is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 14.055, subdivision 4, and must include a written plan listing the activities, including the dates and the number of hours for each, offered to meet the requirement. Hours completed after the renewal date pursuant to the written plan count toward meeting only the requirements of the previous renewal period. A variance granted under this subpart expires six months after the renewal date. A licensee who is granted a variance but fails to complete the required continuing education within the six-month period may apply for a second variance in accordance with this subpart.

Subp. 3. **Nonrenewal; suspension.** If an initial variance request is denied, the license of the licensee shall not be renewed until the licensee completes the continuing education requirements. If an initial variance is granted, and the licensee fails to complete the required continuing education within the six-month period, the license shall be administratively suspended until the licensee completes the required continuing education unless the licensee has obtained a second variance according to subpart 2.

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