

8740.0240 VOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF LICENSE.

Subpart 1. **Voluntary termination.** A licensee may request voluntary termination of a license if a licensee is not practicing social work, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, section 148B.18, in a setting in Minnesota for which licensure is required.

Subp. 2. **Process.**

A. A licensee may request voluntary termination: (1) at any time by submitting a written request for voluntary termination; or (2) as an alternative to applying for the renewal of a license by so recording on the application for license renewal form and submitting the completed, signed form. A written request which is not completed or signed shall be returned to the licensee and is void.

B. The licensee shall also submit the license certificate or a completed, signed, and notarized affidavit that the license certificate was lost, stolen, or destroyed before the request for voluntary termination will be considered by the board.

Subp. 3. **Approval.** The board shall approve a request for voluntary termination if the licensee is not practicing social work in a setting in Minnesota for which licensure is required and all requirements have been met.

Subp. 4. **Practice prohibited.** A person whose license has been terminated under this part shall not practice, attempt to practice, offer to practice, or advertise or hold out as authorized to practice social work in Minnesota, except that the person may practice in a setting in which licensure is not required, and shall not use the title social worker, except as permitted by Minnesota Statutes, section 148B.27, or any designation which indicates social work licensure.

Subp. 5. **License or renewal fee.** A licensee who applies for and is approved for voluntary termination of a license before the end of the renewal cycle may not receive a refund for any portion of the license or renewal fee.

Subp. 6. **Disciplinary action.** The board shall retain jurisdiction over the license and may take disciplinary action against a licensee based on conduct occurring before the voluntary termination of the license.

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