

**148C.03 DUTIES OF BOARD.**

Subdivision 1. **General.** The board shall:

(a) adopt and enforce rules for licensure of alcohol and drug counselors, including establishing standards and methods of determining whether applicants and licensees are qualified under section 148C.04. The rules must provide for examinations and establish standards for the regulation of professional conduct. The rules must be designed to protect the public;

(b) issue licenses to individuals qualified under sections 148C.01 to 148C.11;

(c) issue copies of the rules for licensure to all applicants;

(d) adopt rules to establish and implement procedures, including a standard disciplinary process and rules of professional conduct;

(e) carry out disciplinary actions against licensees;

(f) establish written internal operating procedures for receiving and investigating complaints and for taking disciplinary actions as appropriate;

(g) educate the public about the existence and content of the rules for alcohol and drug counselor licensing to enable consumers to file complaints against licensees who may have violated the rules;

(h) evaluate the rules in order to refine and improve the methods used to enforce the board's standards; and

(i) collect license fees for alcohol and drug counselors.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1995 c 164 s 35]

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1995 c 164 s 35]

Subd. 4. **Professional accountability.** The board shall maintain and keep current a file containing the reports and complaints filed against alcohol and drug counselors within the board's jurisdiction.

**History:** 1992 c 559 art 2 s 3; 1Sp1993 c 1 art 3 s 5-7; 1995 c 164 s 6,7; 1996 c 305 art 1 s 42; 1996 c 451 art 4 s 37; 1997 c 187 art 2 s 6; 1998 c 317 s 12; 2000 c 460 s 41; 2001 c 138 s 1; 2003 c 118 s 28; 1Sp2003 c 14 art 5 s 13; 2004 c 279 art 5 s 9; 2005 c 147 art 5 s 11