

144A.20 ADMINISTRATOR QUALIFICATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Criteria.** The Board of Executives may issue licenses to qualified persons as nursing home administrators or assisted living directors, and shall establish qualification criteria for nursing home administrators and assisted living directors.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1999 c 102 s 7]

Subd. 3. **Nursing home administrator qualifications.** The Board of Executives may issue licenses to qualified persons as a nursing home administrator and shall approve training and examinations. No license shall be issued to a person as a nursing home administrator unless that person:

(1) is at least 21 years of age and otherwise suitably qualified;

(2) has satisfactorily met standards set by the Board of Executives. The standards shall be designed to assure that nursing home administrators are individuals who, by training or experience, are qualified to serve as nursing home administrators; and

(3) has passed an examination approved by the board and designed to test for competence in the subject matters referred to in clause (2), or has been approved by the Board of Executives through the development and application of other appropriate techniques.

Subd. 4. **Assisted living director qualifications; ongoing training.** (a) The Board of Executives may issue licenses to qualified persons as an assisted living director and shall approve training and examinations. No license shall be issued to a person as an assisted living director unless that person:

(1) is eligible for licensure;

(2) has applied for licensure under this subdivision within six months of hire; and

(3) has satisfactorily met standards set by the board or is scheduled to complete the training in paragraph (b) within one year of hire. The standards shall be designed to assure that assisted living directors are individuals who, by training or experience, are qualified to serve as assisted living directors.

(b) In order to be qualified to serve as an assisted living director, an individual must:

(1) have completed an approved training course and passed an examination approved by the board that is designed to test for competence and that includes assisted living facility laws in Minnesota;

(2)(i) currently be licensed as a nursing home administrator or have been validated as a qualified health services executive by the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards; and

(ii) have core knowledge of assisted living facility laws; or

(3) apply for licensure by July 1, 2021, and satisfy one of the following:

(i) have a higher education degree in nursing, social services, or mental health, or another professional degree with training specific to management and regulatory compliance;

(ii) have at least three years of supervisory, management, or operational experience and higher education training applicable to an assisted living facility;

(iii) have completed at least 1,000 hours of an executive in training program provided by an assisted living director licensed under this subdivision; or

(iv) have managed a housing with services establishment operating under assisted living title protection for at least three years.

(c) An assisted living director must receive at least 30 hours of training every two years on topics relevant to the operation of an assisted living facility and the needs of its residents. An assisted living director must maintain records of the training required by this paragraph for at least the most recent three-year period and must provide these records to Department of Health surveyors upon request. Continuing education earned to maintain another professional license, such as a nursing home administrator license, nursing license, social worker license, mental health professional license, or real estate license, may be used to satisfy this requirement when the continuing education is relevant to the assisted living services offered and residents served at the assisted living facility.

History: 1976 c 173 s 20; 1986 c 444; 1996 c 451 art 4 s 23; 1999 c 102 s 2; 2019 c 60 art 4 s 7-9