

IDAPA 24 – DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

GENETIC COUNSELORS LICENSING BOARD

24.24.01 – Rules of the Genetic Counselors Licensing Board

Who does this rule apply to?

This rule applies to applicants, provisional license holders, and license holders for genetic counselors.

What is the purpose of this rule?

This rule governs the practice of genetic counseling in Idaho to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. This rule establishes:

- Minimum standards of competency and qualifications for applicants;
- Fees related to licensure;
- Continuing education for licensure; and
- Codes of ethics and standards of practice

What is the legal authority for the agency to promulgate this rule?

This rule implements the following statute passed by the Idaho Legislature:

Professions, Vocations, and Businesses -

- [54-5601 through 54-5616, Idaho Code](#) – Genetic Counselors

Who do I contact for more information on this rule?

Genetic Counselors Licensure Board

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000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

These rules are promulgated pursuant to Title 54, Chapter 56, Idaho Code. (3-28-23)

001. SCOPE.

These rules regulate the profession of genetic counseling in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare. (3-28-23)

002. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.

The document titled “National Society of Genetic Counselors Code of Ethics,” dated April 2017, is incorporated by reference into this rule and is available at the Board’s office and on the Board’s web site: <https://dopl.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/GEN-NSGC-Code-of-Ethics.pdf>. [**note – Section II, Item 3 of this document is declared null, void, and of no force and effect.*] (7-1-25)

003. – 099. (RESERVED)

100. LICENSURE.

01. General. An applicant who in any state, territory, or country has had a license revoked or suspended or has been otherwise disciplined by a Board, a government agency, or any other disciplinary body, or has been found guilty, convicted, received a withheld judgment or suspended sentence for a felony must submit with his application a written statement and any supplemental information establishing his current suitability for licensure. (7-1-25)

02. Education. An applicant must hold a master’s degree or higher in genetics from an American Board of Genetic Counseling (ABGC), American Board of Medical Genetics (ABMG), Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling (ACGC), or National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC) accredited program or master’s degree or higher in a related field of study as approved by the Board. (7-1-25)

03. Examination. An applicant must pass an ABGC or ABMG administered genetic counselor certification exam, or another exam approved by the board. (7-1-25)

04. Certification. An applicant must provide proof of current certification from the ABGC or ABMG. (7-1-25)

101. – 199. (RESERVED)

200. PRACTICE STANDARDS.

01. Unprofessional and Unethical Conduct. Unprofessional and unethical conduct is conduct that does not conform to the guidelines for genetic counseling contained within the (NSGC) Code of Ethics, incorporated by reference into Section 002 of these rules and approved by the Board as the Idaho Code of Ethics. (7-1-25)

201. – 399. (RESERVED)

400. FEES.

All fees are non-refundable except that, if a license fee is tendered but the Board does not issue a license, the respective license fee will be returned. Fees are established in accord with Section 54-5613, Idaho Code as follows:

FEE TYPE	AMOUNT (Not to Exceed)
Application	\$200
Original License	\$200
Annual Renewal	\$200
Provisional License	\$200
License by Endorsement	\$200
Reinstatement	As provided in Section 67-2614, Idaho Code

(7-1-25)

401. – 999. (RESERVED)