



Notice of Proposed Changes in the Regulations of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will these regulations do?

12 AAC 02.145. Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives The proposed changes will decrease the certification fee for the initial biennial certification period for direct-entry midwives, and will clarify which fees are specifically for apprentices, and which fees are specifically for direct-entry midwives.

12 AAC 02.170. Concert Promoters The proposed changes will decrease the following fees for concert promoters: application fee for initial registration, certificate of registration fee for the initial biennial registration period, biennial certificate of registration renewal fee. The proposed changes will also clarify that the application fee is nonrefundable.

2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

For direct-entry midwives: \$500 application fee; \$2,000 initial certification one-time fee; \$2,800 biennial renewal fee.

For apprentice direct-entry midwives: \$250 application fee.

For concert promoters: \$100 application fee; \$100 initial certificate of registration fee; \$100 biennial renewal fee.

3. How are the estimated costs determined?

AS 08.01.065 requires *all costs* of regulating the profession to be borne by its licensees. The proposed fees are based on known and anticipated costs.

4. What do licensing fees pay for?

Professional license fees fund all activities required to administer and regulate a profession, including processing applications and renewals, maintaining records and systems, conducting investigations, audits, supporting enforcement and disciplinary actions, and covering board operations such as meetings, travel, legal assistance, and regulatory development. Because

licensing programs must be financially self-sustaining, these fees ensure the full cost of oversight, regulation, and program stability is paid by the licensees themselves.

5. What are the positive and negative consequences of the regulations?

These changes will ensure current and updated information is reflected in the division's centralized regulations. The reordering of regulations and additional clarifications provided will provide additional clarity for applicants and licensees, and will remove confusion. The decrease in fees will be beneficial to applicants and licensees.

These fee changes are required per AS 08.01.065 to ensure all costs of regulating the profession are borne by its licensees.

5. When will the regulations and new fees be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Department for consideration. The Department may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in whole. After Department action, the adopted regulations go to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulations take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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