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PART 1485
REGISTERED SURGICAL ASSISTANT AND
REGISTERED SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST TITLE PROTECTION ACT

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Section 1485.10 Application for Registration as a Surgical Assistant

An applicant for registration as a surgical assistant shall file an application on forms supplied by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation-Division of Professional Regulation (Division), together with:

- a) Certification of completion from a medical education program approved by the Division, or has graduated from a United States Military Program that emphasizes surgical assisting. The following applicants are considered from an approved program:
 - 1) Individuals who are graduates of a National Surgical Assistant Association approved program of surgical assisting. The category shall include certificate programs, an associate degree or higher, and formal ~~hospital-based~~ [hospital-based](#) programs for surgical assisting;-

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- 2) Individuals with 3 consecutive years experience as a surgical first assistant with 750 hours per year. The individual must provide a signed and notarized affidavit from his or her supervisor attesting to his or her experience and 5 verifiable letters of reference from surgeons he or she has assisted;
 - 3) Individuals with 2 full years of first assisting experience during the last 4 years with 350 documented surgical cases; ~~or~~
 - 4) Individuals who are graduates of a foreign medical school must submit: a copy of the diploma or a reference letter from their medical school (verifying surgical training and experience) and a reference letter from a sponsoring U.S. surgeon who has evaluated the individual's technical skills and aseptic technique;
- b) Documentation that the applicant has passed a national certifying examination from the National ~~Commission for the Surgical Assistant Association on the~~ Certification of Surgical Assistants; the Liaison Council on Certification for Surgical Technologists as a certified first assistant; or the American Board of Surgical Assistants;
- c) Proof of current certification by one of the following certifying bodies:
- 1) National ~~Commission for the Certification of Surgical Assistants~~ ~~Assistant Association~~ for the certification of surgical assistants;
 - 2) Liaison Council on Certification for the Surgical Technologist as a certified first assistant; or
 - 3) American Board of Surgical Assistants;
- d) If the applicant has ever been licensed/registered in another state or territory of the United States (jurisdiction), certification, on forms provided by the Division, from the jurisdiction applicant was originally licensed and the jurisdiction applicant predominantly practices and is currently licensed, stating:
- 1) The time during which the applicant was registered in that jurisdiction, including the date of original issuance of the license; and
 - 2) Whether the file on the applicant contains any record of disciplinary actions taken or pending;

87 e) The required fee as specified in Section 1485.80.
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89 (Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)
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91 **Section 1485.70 Restoration**
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93 a) Any surgical assistant or surgical technologist whose registration has been expired
94 for 5 years or less may have the registration restored by paying all lapsed renewal
95 fees as required by Section 1485.80.
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97 b) A surgical assistant or surgical technologist who is seeking restoration of a
98 registration that has been inactive for 5 years or less shall have the registration
99 restored upon payment of the current renewal fee.
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101 c) A surgical assistant or surgical technologist seeking restoration of a registration
102 that has been expired or placed on inactive status for more than 5 years shall file
103 an application, on forms supplied by the Division, together with the fee required
104 in Section 1485.80, and show proof of one of the following:
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106 1) Proof of current certification from one of the following:
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108 A) National Surgical Assistant Association for the certification of
109 surgical assistants;
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111 B) Liaison Council on Certification for the Surgical Technologist; or
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113 C) American Board of Surgical Assistants;
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115 2) Sworn evidence of active practice in another jurisdiction;
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117 3) An affidavit attesting to military service as provided in Section 60 of the
118 Act; or
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120 4) Proof of passage of an examination set forth in Section 1485.10(a)(3) and
121 Section 1485.20(a)(3) during the 24 months preceding application for
122 restoration.
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124 d) A registrant who is seeking restoration after disciplinary action must have
125 completed all requirements of the disciplinary order and shall submit a petition for
126 restoration to be adjudicated through the hearing process. As part of such petition
127 the licensee shall submit evidence demonstrating rehabilitation to warrant the
128 public trust as provided in Section 1485.100.
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(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 1485.80 Fees

The following fees shall be paid to the Division and are not refundable:

- a) Application Fees
The fee for application for registration as a surgical assistant or surgical technologist is \$100.
- b) Renewal Fees
The fee for the renewal of a registration shall be calculated at the rate of \$62.50 per year.
- c) General Fees
 - 1) The fee for the restoration of a registration other than from inactive status is \$20 plus payment of all lapsed renewal fees.
 - ~~2) The fee for the issuance of a duplicate registration, for the issuance of a replacement registration for a registration that has been lost or destroyed or for the issuance of a registration with a change of name or address, other than during the renewal period, is \$20. No fee is required for name and address changes on Division records when no duplicate registration is issued.~~
 - ~~2)3) The fee for a certification of a registrant's record for any purpose is \$20.~~
 - ~~4) The fee for a wall certificate showing registration shall be the actual cost of producing the certificate.~~

(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 1485.95 Applicant and Registrant Address of Record, Email Address of Record

All applicants and registrants shall:

- a) *provide a valid address and email address to the Department, which shall serve as the address of record and email address of record, respectively, at the time of application for registration or renewal of a registration; and*

- 171 b) inform the Department of any change of address of record or email address of
172 record within 14 days after such change, either through the Department's website
173 or by contacting the Department's licensure maintenance unit. [225 ILCS 130/12]
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175 (Source: Added at 48 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)
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177 **Section 1485.100 Rehabilitation**
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179 Upon written application to the Division for restoration of a registration for any other relief
180 following discipline, the Division shall consider, but is not limited to, the following in
181 determining if the person is to be deemed sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust:
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- 183 a) The seriousness of the offense that resulted in the disciplinary action being
184 considered;
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186 b) The length of time that elapsed since the disciplinary action was taken;
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188 c) The profession, occupation, and outside activities in which the applicant has been
189 involved;
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191 d) Any counseling, medical treatment, or other rehabilitative treatment received by
192 the applicant;
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194 e) Continuing education courses or other types of courses taken to correct the
195 grounds for the disciplinary action being considered;
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197 f) The results of a professional competency examination designated by the Division
198 and paid for by the applicant;
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200 g) Written reports and oral testimony by peer review committees or other persons
201 relating to the skill knowledge, honesty, integrity and contriteness of the
202 applicant;
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204 h) Restitution to injured parties;
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206 i) Future plans of the applicant;
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208 j) Involvement of the applicant's family and friends in his or her rehabilitation
209 process;
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211 k) A written report of a physical or mental examination given by a practitioner
212 selected by the Division and paid for by the applicant;
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- 214 l) Any other information evidencing rehabilitation that would bear upon the
215 applicant's request for relief or restoration of a registration;
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- 217 m) Whether the order imposing sanctions was appealed and, if so, whether a
218 reviewing court granted a stay or delay of imposition of the sanction;
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- 220 n) The date and disposition of any other petition for restoration filed since the last
221 sanction was imposed; and
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- 223 o) Whether there has been compliance with any probationary terms imposed.
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225 (Source: Added at 48 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)