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[2023 Assembly Bill 203]

Renewals of Certain Credentials

BACKGROUND

Under current law, a two-year renewal period applies to many health and business credentials administered by the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) or a credentialing board. The renewal date is specified by statute.

Prior law designated the renewal date as the date on which a credential expires and before which it must be renewed for the credential holder to maintain the rights, privileges, and authority conferred by the credential. Prior law did not specify when a renewal was effective, particularly whether a credential holder's submission of a complete renewal application satisfies the renewal requirement or whether, instead, DSPS is required to have issued a determination on a renewal application.

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2023 Wisconsin Act 33 clarifies that the renewal date is the date a credential expires and before which a credential holder must submit a complete renewal application in order to maintain the rights, privileges, and authority conferred by the credential. The act specifies that a renewal application is considered complete for purposes of satisfying the renewal requirement only when the credential holder has submitted the required fee and all forms and other documentation required for the renewal of that credential.

The act also specifies that a credential holder who has submitted a complete renewal application is also considered to have made a timely and sufficient application for the renewal under a separate provision in state law that delays expiration of a credential until the opportunity for review of an agency denial expires or a later date fixed by order of the reviewing court.

Effective date: August 6, 2023

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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