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Podiatry Fee Waiver FAQs

Q. Why is IDFPR waiving license renewal fees and initial application fees for podiatrists?

- A. HB240, signed into law by Governor Pritzker on January 18, 2023, required the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation ("IDFPR") to allow licensed podiatrists a one-time waiver of fees imposed under Section 18 of the Podiatric Medical Practice Act of 1987. [Public Act 1118](#)

Q. What are the effective dates of the fee waiver?

- A. Fee waivers will be granted during Illinois' Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023).

Q. What are the podiatric licenses that are eligible for a fee waiver?

- Podiatric Physician - Temporary
- Podiatric Physician - Examination
- Podiatric Physician - Acceptance of Examination
- Podiatric Physician - Endorsement
- Podiatric Physician - Visiting Professor Permit
- Podiatry - Controlled Substance
- Podiatry - Continuing Education Sponsor
- Podiatry - Continuing Education Sponsor Out of State

Q. What fee waivers mentioned in Public Act 1118 are to be waived by the Department?

- Certificate of Licensure
- Fee for Renewal of a Certificate of Licensure
- Temporary or Visiting Professor Permit
- Restoration of a License from Inactive Status (not to exceed \$910)
- Certification of a Licensee's Record

- Annual Fee for Continuing Education Sponsors
- Testing Fees
 - Note: Tests are not administered by the Department, therefore they will not be waived.
- Fees for Issuance of a Duplicate Certificate of Licensure
 - Note: This is no longer applicable, as IDFPR does not issue licenses via paper.
- Fee to have the Scoring of an Examination Administered by the Department to be Reviewed and Verified
 - Note: Rescoring is not administered by the Department, therefore they will not be waived.
- Wall Certificate
 - Note: This is no longer applicable, as IDFPR does not issue wall certificates.
- Cost of producing a roster
 - Note: This is no longer applicable, as IDFPR does not produce rosters.

Q. Can I receive more than one fee waiver?

- A. **No.** Section 18.1 states that individuals are allowed a one-time waiver of fees imposed under Section 18 of the Podiatry Act during FY23. Section 18.1 further states that no individual may benefit from more than one waiver.

Q. What if I paid for my renewal in Fiscal Year 2023 already?

- A. If an individual has already paid their renewal fee required under Section 18.1 for Fiscal Year 2023, then the Department will apply the money paid for that fee as a credit to the next required fee.

Q. When is the renewal for Podiatrists?

- A. The most recent renewal window was November 2, 2022 – January 31, 2023. The next renewal window will open approximately November 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025.

Q. Would an initial licensure fee be waived for applicants under endorsement who are licensed in another state?

- A. Initial licensure includes endorsement. If an individual is becoming licensed in Illinois for the first time, either through endorsement or by examination, it would be considered an initial application (which would be waived in Fiscal Year 2023).

Q. I'm a podiatrist licensee who needs a certification or verification of my license sent to another state. Will that fee be waived in Fiscal Year 23?

A. Yes. Licensees will not be required to pay the \$20 certification fee.

Q. What happens if I submit a paper renewal or initial application with a check or money order?

A. For some professions this may not be an option. However, if this occurs, IDFPR will return the check to the applicant/licensee with a letter explaining the fee waiver. IDFPR will process the application received as usual.

If you qualify for a fee waiver, please do not send a payment. If you feel that you need to send a payment and wish to use a money order, please contact the Department at 1 (888) 473-4858 for clarification and further directions. Depending on where you purchase a money order, you may not be able to receive a refund. No fees are required if your license or application is part of the fee waiver.

Q. What happens if I send a money order made out to IDFPR and I am unable to receive a refund?

A. IDFPR will deposit the money order to your name to apply to a future fee.

Q. What happens if I do not renew my license prior to its expiration date?

A. Licensees who do not renew their licenses before their expiration dates will be charged the renewal fee and a late fee in accordance with their profession's existing Administrative Rules. Renewal Fees will not be waived after the renewal deadline.

Q. I applied for or renewed for an eligible podiatric license before this fee waiver was announced. How will I receive my fee waiver?

A. Eligible applicants who applied for or renewed their podiatric license before HB240 was signed into law on January 18, 2023 will receive an account credit to use towards a future renewal.