§ 6502. Duration and registration of a license. 1. A license shall be valid during the life of the holder unless revoked, annulled or suspended by the board of regents or in the case of physicians, physicians practicing under a limited permit, physician's assistants, specialist's assistants and medical residents, the licensee is stricken from the roster of such licensees by the board of regents on the order of the state board for professional medical conduct in the department of health. A licensee must register with the department and meet the requirements prescribed in section 3-503 of the general obligations law to practice in this state.

2. The department shall establish the beginning dates of the registration periods for each profession and provide an application for registration conforming to the requirements of section 3-503 of the general obligations law to every licensee currently registered at least four months prior to the beginning of the registration period for the respective profession; provided however, the department shall mail an application forty-five days prior to the end date of such registration period to any licensee who has not registered.

3. An application for registration and the required registration fee shall be submitted together with or as a part of the application for a license. A person initially licensed or a licensee resuming practice after a lapse of registration during the last two years of a triennial registration period shall receive a prorated refund of one-third of the total registration fee for each full year of the triennial period that has elapsed prior to the date of registration. Except as provided in subdivision three-a of this section, the department shall renew the registration of each licensee upon receipt of a proper application, on a form prescribed by the department and conforming to the requirements of section 3-503 of the general obligations law, and the registration fee. Any licensee who fails to register by the beginning of the appropriate registration period shall be required to pay an additional fee for late filing of ten dollars for each month that registration has been delayed. No licensee resuming practice after a lapse of registration shall be permitted to practice without actual possession of the registration certificate.

3-a. Prior to issuing any registration pursuant to this section and section sixty-five hundred twenty-four of this chapter, the department shall request and review any information relating to an applicant which reasonably appears to relate to professional misconduct in his or her professional practice in this and any other jurisdiction. The department shall advise the director of the office of professional medical conduct in the department of health of any information about an applicant which reasonably appears to be professional misconduct as defined in sections sixty-five hundred thirty and sixty-five hundred thirty-one of this chapter, within seven days of its discovery. The registration or re-registration of such applicant shall not be delayed for a period exceeding thirty days unless the director finds a basis for recommending summary action pursuant to subdivision twelve of section two hundred thirty of the public health law after consultation with a committee on professional conduct of the state board for professional medical conduct, if warranted. Re-registration shall be issued if the commissioner of health fails to issue a summary order pursuant to subdivision twelve of section two hundred thirty of the public health law within ninety days of notice by the department pursuant to this subdivision. Re-registration shall be denied if the commissioner of health issues a summary order pursuant to subdivision twelve of section two hundred thirty of the public health law.

4. Any licensee who is not engaging in the practice of his profession in this state and does not desire to register shall so advise the department. Such licensee shall not be required to pay an additional fee for failure to register at the beginning of the registration period.

5. Licensees shall notify the department of any change of name or mailing address within thirty days of such change. Failure to register or provide such notice within one hundred eighty days of such change shall be willful failure under section sixty-five hundred thirty of this chapter.

6. The fee for replacement of a lost registration certificate or license or for registration of an additional office shall be ten

dollars.

7. An additional fee of twenty-five dollars shall be charged for the licensure or registration of any applicant who submits a bad check to the department.