§ 8411. Special provisions. 1. This section shall apply to all professions licensed pursuant to this article, unless otherwise provided.

2. Any nonexempt person practicing a profession to be licensed pursuant to this article shall apply for a license of said profession within one year of the effective date of the specified profession.

(a) If such person does not meet the requirements for a license established within this article, such person may meet alternative criteria determined by the department to be the substantial equivalent of such criteria.

(b) If such person meets the requirements for a license established within this article, except for examination, and has been certified or registered by a national certifying or registering body having certification or registration standards acceptable to the commissioner, the department shall license without examination.

(c) If such person meets the requirements for a license established within this article, except for examination, and there exists no national certifying or registering body having certification or registration standards acceptable to the commissioner, the department shall license without examination if the applicant submits evidence satisfactory to the department of having been engaged in the practice of the specified profession for at least five of the immediately preceding eight years.

3. Any person licensed pursuant to this article may use accepted classifications of signs, symptoms, dysfunctions and disorders, as approved in accordance with regulations promulgated by the department, in the practice of such licensed profession.