

115. Agency Standards for Automatic/Discretionary Denial or Revocation of Specialist Certification

a. Automatic denial or revocation. An agency will automatically deny or revoke a lawyer's certification upon the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) A finding by the agency that the lawyer failed to complete 20 CLE credits in the field of law within the lawyer's three-year reporting period or the equivalent CLE reporting period.

(2) Disciplinary suspension or disbarment of the lawyer from the practice of law in any jurisdiction in which the lawyer is or was licensed.

(3) Suspension of the lawyer for nonpayment of license fees or for failing to maintain mandatory CLE credits in Minnesota.

(4) Failure of the lawyer to complete satisfactorily the recertification process or failure to pay the required certification fees.

(5) Written notice from the lawyer that the lawyer seeks decertification.

b. Discretionary denial or revocation of certification. An agency may deny or revoke a lawyer's certification if:

(1) The lawyer fails to cooperate with the certifying agency, or submits false or misleading information during the certification or recertification process.

(2) The lawyer's record contains evidence of personal or professional misconduct which is inconsistent with the standards of conduct adopted by the accredited agency.

(3) The lawyer falsely or improperly announces the field of law or certification.

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