

# BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF GENERTIC COUNSELORS

## MEMORANDUM

To: Provisional Genetic Counselor and Full Genetic Counselor Applicants

From: The Board of Registration of Genetic Counselors

Re: Expiration of Provisional Genetic Counselor Licenses

Date: February 3, 2022

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When a person applies to be a Licensed Genetic Counselors (GC) there are 2 different types of license available to them: there is a

1. Provisional (temporary) Genetic Counselor License OR
2. A Full Genetic Counselor License.

A Provisional License is what you get if

- a. You graduated from an approved training program, BUT
- b. You haven't passed the licensing exam yet.

A Full License is what you get if

- a. you graduated from an approved training program, AND
- b. You passed the licensing exam.

**Both** types of license are valid for **2 years**, however, a Provisional License may expire ***before*** two years if

- a. You take the test and pass. The Board then issues to you a full license. Your Provisional License expires on the same date that your full license is issued. (You no longer need a Provisional License once you have a full license). OR
- b. You take the test and fail. If this happens, you should contact the Board right away because your Provisional License **expires 30 days after the testing** company sends you written notice that you failed.<sup>1</sup> If this happens, you have only 30 days to contact the Board and ask for an extension of your Provisional License. If the Board grants an extension, then the Provisional License does not expire until 2 years after the date

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<sup>1</sup> On-the-spot notice and email are both considered notice.

of **the extension**. In order to get an extension, you must submit a request to the Board within 30 days and it must be signed by you and your supervisor. In addition, you have to commit to **taking the next available test**.