

## **§842. Minimum qualifications for license**

A. Qualifications for a funeral director license. Any applicant is qualified for license as a funeral director if he meets all of the following requirements:

- (1) Is at least eighteen years of age.
- (2) Has obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- (3) Is found by the board to be of good moral character and temperate habits.
- (4) Has successfully completed a minimum of thirty semester hours in an accredited college or university as evidenced by a certified copy of the transcript of the college or university. The minimum subject hours shall include twenty-one semester hours of the basic freshman courses, which include but not limited to the following: English, mathematics, bookkeeping, accounting, business mathematics, psychology, history, science, business administration, biology, economics, chemistry and marketing or such other minimum hours as the law may provide. Remedial classes and courses such as music, the arts, physical education, and sports shall not be considered as accepted courses.
- (5) Has served an apprentice in the state of Louisiana for a period of not less than nine months, or thirty-nine weeks, and not more than twenty-four months, or one hundred four weeks, has actively assisted in at least thirty funerals and has completed at least one thousand five hundred sixty contact hours during the internship period. A funeral director intern may receive credit for up to two-thirds of the internship requirement prior to the completion of the thirty semester hours.
- (6) Has paid the application fee as required by R.S. 37:845
- (7) Passes satisfactorily an examination conducted by the board relative to the practice of the profession of funeral directing as defined in R.S.7:831.

B. Qualifications for an embalmer and funeral director license. Any applicant is qualified for a license as an embalmer and funeral director if he meets all of the following requirements:

- (1) Meets the requirements set forth in Paragraphs (A)(1), (2), (3) and (6) of this Section for funeral directors.
- (2) Has successfully completed a full course in the science of embalming and the profession of funeral directing at an accredited school recognized by the board.
- (3) Passes satisfactorily an examination conducted by the board relative to the practice of the science of embalming and the profession of funeral directing as defined in R.S. 37:831.
- (4) Has served an internship in the state of Louisiana for a period of not less than nine months, or thirty-nine weeks, and not more than twenty-four months, or one hundred four weeks, actively assisted in at least thirty embalming operations and thirty funerals and completed at least one thousand five hundred sixty contact hours during the internship period. An embalmer and funeral director intern may receive credit for up to two-thirds of the internship requirement prior to graduating from an accredited school recognized by the board.

