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17-5-104. Fee waiver. [Effective January 1, 2022.]

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a licensing entity shall not require an initial fee for individuals who are seeking to receive a license in this state if the applicant:

- (1)** Is receiving assistance through the Arkansas Medicaid Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, or the Lifeline Assistance Program;
- (2)** Was approved for unemployment within the last twelve (12) months; or
- (3)** Has an income that does not exceed two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty income guidelines.

(b) The waiver of the initial fee does not include fees for:

- (1)** A criminal background check;
- (2)** An examination or a test; or
- (3)** A medical or drug test.

(c) The Department of Human Services and the Division of Workforce Services shall collaborate with a licensing entity concerning verification of eligibility for public benefits for applicants, which may include obtaining a signed consent form from the applicant.

History

Act 2021, No. 725, § 2.

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