(a) The board may suspend or revoke its certification of a paralegal, after hearing before the board on appropriate notice, upon a finding that

1. the certification was made contrary to the rules and regulations of the board;
2. the individual certified as a paralegal made a false representation, omission or misstatement of material fact to the board;
3. the individual certified as a paralegal failed to abide by all rules and regulations promulgated by the board;
4. the individual certified as a paralegal failed to pay the fees required;
5. the individual certified as a paralegal no longer meets the standards established by the board for the certification of paralegals;
6. the individual is not eligible for certification on account of one or more of the grounds set forth in Rule .0119(c); or
7. the individual violated the confidentiality agreement relative to the questions on the certification examination.

(b) An individual certified as a paralegal has a duty to inform the board promptly of any fact or circumstance described in Rule .0121(a).

(c) If an individual's certification lapses, or if the board revokes a certification, the individual cannot again be certified as a paralegal unless he or she so qualifies upon application made as if for initial certification and upon such other conditions as the board may prescribe. If the board suspends certification of an individual as a paralegal, such certification cannot be reinstated except upon the individual's application and compliance with such conditions and requirements as the board may prescribe.

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