

## BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

### Board of Nursing

#### (Amendment)

#### **201 KAR 20:480. Licensure of graduates of foreign nursing schools.**

RELATES TO: KRS 314.041, 314.051

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 314.131(1)

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 314.131(1) authorizes the Board of Nursing to promulgate administrative regulations to implement the provisions of KRS 314.011 and 314.991. KRS 314.041 and 314.051 authorize the board to issue a license to a graduate of a foreign nursing school. This administrative regulation establishes the requirements for the licensure of graduates of foreign nursing schools.

#### Section 1.

(1)

(a) An applicant for licensure by examination who is a graduate of a foreign nursing school shall meet the requirements of 201 KAR 20:070, Section 1, except for Section 1(3) of that administrative regulation.

(b) An applicant for licensure by endorsement who is a graduate of a foreign nursing school shall meet the requirements of 201 KAR 20:110.

(2) If licensed in another country evidence shall be submitted by the applicant or an organization on behalf of the applicant that the license has not been revoked, suspended, probated, or otherwise disciplined in the licensing country.

(3) An applicant shall maintain proof of legal permanent or temporary residency under the laws and regulations of the United States.

(4)

(a) An applicant for licensure as a registered nursing or a licensed practical nurse shall obtain a full education course-by-course report from the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) Credentials Evaluation Service. The report shall state whether the applicant's program of nursing is comparable to an approved program in the state.

(b) An applicant shall also complete an English Language Proficiency examination pursuant to Section 2 of this administrative regulation.

(5) An applicant for licensure by examination may be made eligible to take the NCLEX examination prior to obtaining a Social Security number. However, the applicant shall not be licensed until the applicant provides a Social Security number.

#### Section 2. English Language Proficiency Examinations.

(1) An applicant for licensure shall complete English Language Proficiency examination unless the language of instruction and the textbooks of the applicant's program of nursing were entirely in English.

(2) The following English Language Proficiency examinations are recognized with the minimum passing standard:

(a) International English Language Testing System (IELTS), 6.5 overall, 6.0 speaking; and

(b) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), 84 overall, 26 speaking.

(3) The applicant shall cause the scores on the English Language Proficiency examination to be sent to the board by CGFNS.

*JESSICA WILSON, President*

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**PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD:** A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. (EDT) in the office of the Kentucky Board of Nursing, 312 Whittington Parkway, Suite 300, Louisville, Kentucky. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by Monday, April 18, 2022, five workdays prior to the hearing of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted until end of day (11:59 p.m. EDT) Saturday, April 30, 2022. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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