

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Nursing

(Amendment)

201 KAR 20:110. Licensure by endorsement.

RELATES TO: KRS 194A.540, 314.031, 314.041, 314.051, 314.091, 314.103, 314.109, 314.475, 314.991

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 314.041(7), 314.051(8), 314.101(4), 314.103, 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 to 314.991. KRS 314.041(7) and 314.051(8) authorize the board to issue a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse to an applicant who has passed the required examination or its equivalent and who was licensed to practice nursing in another jurisdiction. KRS 314.103 authorizes the board to require a criminal background check investigation of an applicant or nurse. KRS 314.101(4) authorizes the board to issue a temporary work permit to a person who has completed the requirements for, applied for, and paid the fee for licensure by endorsement. This administrative regulation establishes the requirements for licensure by endorsement and establishes the requirements for a temporary work permit for an applicant to practice nursing while the application for a license is being processed.

Section 1. Eligibility for Licensure by Endorsement.

(1) To be eligible for licensure by endorsement, an applicant shall:

(a)

1. Have completed a state approved program of nursing equivalent to Kentucky requirements; or
2. Have completed that portion of a state-approved program of nursing that is equivalent to a Kentucky program of nursing;

(b) Have taken and passed the State Board Test Pool Examination or National Council Licensure Examination or an examination that is consistent with Section 4 of this administrative regulation;

(c) Complete the application form, as required by 201 KAR 20:370, Section 1(1);

(d) Submit the current fee for a licensure application, as established by 201 KAR 20:240;

(e) Report and submit a certified or attested copy of each disciplinary action taken or pending on a nursing or other professional or business license by another jurisdiction and a letter of explanation;

(f) Submit a certified copy of the court record of each misdemeanor or felony conviction and a letter of explanation that addresses each conviction as required by 201 KAR 20:370, Section 1(3);

(g) Request the U.S. jurisdiction, territory, or foreign country of initial licensure to submit to the board a verification of licensure by examination, which shall include the following information:

1.

- a. Name of the program of nursing completed and date of graduation; or
 - b. Name of the program of nursing attended and date of completion of the requirements for eligibility to take the licensure examination in that jurisdiction;
- and

2. A statement that the applicant's license has not been revoked, suspended, limited, probated, or otherwise disciplined by the licensing authority and is not subject to

disciplinary action;

(h) Submit a criminal record check completed within six (6) months of the date of the application by the Department of Kentucky State Police (KSP) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) using the FBI Applicant Fingerprint Card, and including payment of any required fee to the KSP and the FBI; and

(i) Submit evidence of completion of the jurisprudence examination required by KRS 314.041(4) for RN applications or KRS 314.051(4) for LPN applications as approved by the board.

(2) An application shall be valid for a period of one (1) year. The applicant shall:

(a) Submit a copy of a marriage certificate, divorce decree, Social Security card, or court order to change the applicant's name, if the applicant's name is changed after the original application is filed; and

(b) Notify the board in writing as soon as a new address is established after submitting the application.

(3) After one (1) year~~six (6) months~~ if the requirements for licensure have not been met, the applicant shall:

(a) Submit a new application;

(b) Submit the current licensure application fee; and

(c) Meet the requirements established in this section.

(4)

~~[(a)]~~ The applicant shall meet all of the~~complete the three (3) hour~~ continuing education course ~~on domestic violence within three (3) years of licensure as required by KRS 194A.540~~.

~~[(b)]~~ ~~[The applicant shall complete the one and one half (1.5) contact hour continuing education course on pediatric abusive head trauma within three (3) years of licensure as required by]~~ earning requirements in 201 KAR 20:215, Section 5~~[(3)]~~ that are required for the applicant's licensure.

(5) An applicant shall not be licensed until a report is received from the FBI pursuant to the request submitted under subsection (1)(h) of this section and any conviction is addressed by the board.

(6) A graduate of a school of nursing in Puerto Rico after September 1, 2006, in addition to the other requirements of this section, shall provide evidence of evaluation of the graduate's transcript by the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools or a credential evaluation organization that is a member of the National Association of Credentialing Evaluation Services. The evaluation shall indicate that the school of nursing is substantially equivalent to a school of nursing in this state.

Section 2. Nursing Practice and Continuing Education Requirements.

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, an applicant shall complete fourteen (14) contact hours in continuing education for each year since the last year in which the applicant is able to demonstrate at least 100 hours of practice.

(2) The requirement established in subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to an applicant who:

(a) Has been licensed for less than five (5) years from the date of initial licensure;

(b) Has been actively licensed and engaged in nursing practice for at least 500 hours during the preceding five (5) years; or

(c) Has not been engaged in nursing practice during the five (5) years preceding the date of the application. This applicant shall complete at least 120 contact hours of continuing education earned within one (1) year of the date of the application.

(3) At least fourteen (14) contact hours shall have been earned within the twelve (12) months preceding the date of application for active Kentucky licensure status.

(4) Continuing education earned more than five (5) years preceding the date of application shall not be counted toward meeting the requirements established in subsections (1) and (3) of this section.

Section 3. Temporary Work Permit.

(1) An applicant for licensure by endorsement who meets all of the requirements of Section 1(1)(a) through (i), except for paragraph (g) of this administrative regulation shall be issued a temporary work permit, but not until the report is received from the FBI and any conviction is addressed by the board.

(2) A temporary work permit shall be valid for a period not to exceed six (6) months.

(3) An individual who practices as a nurse in Kentucky without a current temporary work permit prior to issuance of a current active license shall be considered to be practicing without a license in violation of KRS 314.031 and shall be subject to the penalties listed in KRS 314.091 and 314.991.

Section 4. Licensing Examination Standards. An applicant who has taken an examination other than the State Board Test Pool Examination or the National Council Licensure Examination shall provide evidence to the board that the examination met the following standards of equivalency:

(1) Accepted psychometric procedures shall be used in the development of the examination;

(2) The examination shall be available to the board in the English language;

(3) The examination test plan blueprint shall be available for board review and adequately identifies test content and content weighting;

(4) Test items shall be available for board review and demonstrate the testing of competency necessary for safe practice;

(5) At least one (1) of the reliability estimates for the examination shall be 0.80 or higher;

(6) The examination shall be revised after each administration to ensure currency and security of content; and

(7) The examination shall be given under strict security measures.

Section 5. Applicants for LPN license pursuant to KRS 314.041(13). An applicant for an LPN license pursuant to KRS 314.041(13) shall meet the requirements of this administrative regulation.

Section 6.

(1) An applicant not from a party state under the Nurse Licensure Compact who is issued a license and does not have permanent residency in Kentucky shall be issued a license that indicates on the license that it is only valid in Kentucky.

(2) The board may request that an applicant provide evidence of the applicant's state of residence.

JESSICA WILSON, President

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FILED WITH LRC: March 9, 2022 at 9:15 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on Monday, May 23, 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, May 16, 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) Tuesday, May 31, 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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REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

Contact Person: Jeffrey R. Prather

(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does:

This administrative regulation sets procedures for licensure by endorsement from another state.

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation:

This administrative regulation is necessary because of KRS 314.041 and KRS 314.051.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes:

This administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes by setting the necessary procedures.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes:

This administrative regulation assists in the effective administration of the statutes by setting procedures.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation:

It lengthens the time that an application remains in effect from six months to one year, and it removes redundant references to continuing education requirements.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation:

The change will make the length of time the same as the licensure by examination.

(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes:

The Board is authorized to set these procedures.

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes:

By giving the applicant more time to meet the requirements, and it removes redundant references to continuing education requirements.

(3) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation:

Applicants for licensure by endorsement, number unknown.

(4) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (3) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (3) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment:

They will have more time to comply.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (3):

There is no cost associated with complying with this administrative regulation.

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (3):

Their application will remain open longer.

(5) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially:

There is no additional cost.

(b) On a continuing basis:

There is no additional cost.

(6) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation:

Agency funds.

(7) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment:

No increase is needed.

(8) State whether or not this administrative regulation established any fees or directly or indirectly increased any fees:

It does not.

(9) TIERING: Is tiering applied?

Tiering was not applied as the changes apply to all equally.

FISCAL NOTE ON STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(1) What units, parts or divisions of state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) will be impacted by this administrative regulation?

The Kentucky Board of Nursing.

(2) Identify each state or federal statute or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation.

KRS 314.131.

(3) Estimate the effect of this administrative regulation on the expenditures and revenues of a state or local government agency (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first full year the administrative regulation is to be in effect.

(a) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first year?

None

(b) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for subsequent years?

None

(c) How much will it cost to administer this program for the first year?

No additional cost.

(d) How much will it cost to administer this program for subsequent years?

No additional cost.

Note: If specific dollar estimates cannot be determined, provide a brief narrative to explain the fiscal impact of the administrative regulation.

Revenues (+/-):

Expenditures (+/-):

Other Explanation: