BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
Board of Nursing
(Amended at ARRS Committee)

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 to 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. Applicants who are Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.
(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evidence shall be submitted by the applicant or an organization on behalf of the applicant that the license has not been revoked, suspended, probated, or otherwise disciplined in the licensing country.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 by endorsement as a registered nurse shall obtain and submit to the board documentation as provided in KRS 314.041(10)(b).
(b) An applicant for licensure by endorsement as a licensed practical nurse shall obtain and submit to the board documentation as provided in KRS 314.051(11)(b).
(5) An applicant shall also complete an English Language Proficiency examination pursuant to Section 2 of this administrative regulation.
(6) 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 an 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 English Language Proficiency examination shall be recognized by the National Council of the State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), and the applicant shall obtain a minimum passing standard recommended by the NCSBN.
(3) The applicant shall cause the scores on the English Language Proficiency examination to be sent to the board .
(30 Ky.R. 511; Am. 849; eff. 10-15-2003; 32 Ky.R. 303; eff. 10-19-2005; 44 Ky.R.2193; eff. 8-16-2017; 48 Ky.R. 2500, 2959; eff. 7-20-2022.)

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