

ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 610-X-4
LICENSURE

610-X-4-.07 Licensure By Endorsement.

(1) The applicant for licensure by endorsement shall:

(a) Have been duly licensed as a registered nurse or licensed practical/vocational nurse under the laws of another state or territory and shall meet the requirements for the licensure examination.

1. The Board may deny consideration of an applicant who has a revoked license in another jurisdiction.

2. The Board may deny consideration of an applicant who has a suspended license in another jurisdiction.

(b) Provide for official verification of licensure from original state of licensure or from a board recognized primary source.

(c) Submit primary source evidence of completion of a nursing education program that included theoretical and clinical experience appropriate to the type of program. If the nursing education program did not include clinical experience, the applicant's continuing education and work experience in nursing may be considered at the discretion of the Board.

(d) Submit evidence of completion of twenty-four contact hours of approved continuing education. The Board shall not consider continuing education credits that were earned more than twenty-four months prior to application. Contact hours earned for initial licensure by endorsement may not be used toward the continuing education requirement for the next license renewal period.

(e) Submit a complete electronic application and required fees.

(f) Initial applicants for licensure by endorsement shall be referred to a local approved agency where fingerprint or other biometric-based information is collected for state and federal criminal background checks. The state and federal results are transmitted to the Board. The Board will participant in the Federal Bureau of Investigation Rap Back system, or an entity performing a similar function if available.

(2) Following a determination by Board staff that the first-time applicant for licensure by endorsement is eligible, the Board shall issue a nonrenewable temporary permit to practice nursing. Temporary permits shall be valid in Alabama only.

(a) If the applicant has an active license issued by another state or territory, a notarized copy of the license or of primary source verification of the license is acceptable as initial proof of licensure to obtain a temporary permit.

(b) If the applicant was previously duly licensed by another state or a territory but at the time of application for licensure by endorsement into Alabama has a lapsed license, a temporary permit may not be issued.

(3) A licensed nurse licensed by endorsement during the continuing education earning period shall:

(a) Accrue for the first license renewal one contact hour for each calendar month remaining in the license period.

(b) Meet requirements for continuing education in accordance with other stipulations for license renewal set forth in these rules.

(4) If the applicant for licensure by endorsement is issued a license during the renewal period for that license type, the license shall expire at the end of the next license period.

(5) The applicant for multistate licensure shall provide evidence of legal residence in Alabama. This evidence may include, but is not limited to, a current:

(a) driver's license with a home address;

(b) voter registration card with a home address;

(c) federal income tax return with a primary state of residence declaration;

(d) military form no. 2058 (state of legal residence certificate); or

(e) W2 form from the United States government or any bureau, division, or agency thereof, indicating residence.

(6) A multistate licensed nurse who is changing primary state of residence to Alabama may continue to practice under the former home state's multistate license until he or she is issued an Alabama single state or multistate license.

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