



Ohio Revised Code Section 4723.09 License application.

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(A)(1) An application for licensure by examination to practice as a registered nurse or as a licensed practical nurse shall be submitted to the board of nursing in the form prescribed by rules of the board. The application shall include all of the following:

- (a) Evidence that the applicant has met the educational requirements described in division (C) of this section;
- (b) Any other information required by rules of the board;
- (c) The application fee required by section 4723.08 of the Revised Code.

(2) The board shall grant a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse or as a licensed practical nurse if the following conditions are met:

- (a) The applicant passes the examination accepted by the board under section 4723.10 of the Revised Code.
- (b) In the case of an applicant who entered a prelicensure nursing education program on or after June 1, 2003, the results of a criminal records check conducted in accordance with section 4723.091 of the Revised Code demonstrate that the applicant is not ineligible for licensure in accordance with section 4723.092 of the Revised Code.
- (c) The board determines that the applicant has not committed any act that is grounds for disciplinary action under section 3123.47 or 4723.28 of the Revised Code or determines that an applicant who has committed any act that is grounds for disciplinary action under either section has made restitution or has been rehabilitated, or both.

(3) The board is not required to afford an adjudication to an individual to whom it has refused to



grant a license because of that individual's failure to pass the examination.

(B)(1) An application for licensure by endorsement to practice nursing as a registered nurse or as a licensed practical nurse shall be submitted to the board in the form prescribed by rules of the board. The application shall include all of the following:

(a) Evidence that the applicant holds a current, valid, and unrestricted license or equivalent authorization from another jurisdiction other than another state granted after passing an examination approved by the board of that jurisdiction that is equivalent to the examination requirements under this chapter for a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse;

(b) Any other information required by rules of the board;

(c) The application fee required by section 4723.08 of the Revised Code.

(2) The board shall grant a license by endorsement to practice nursing as a registered nurse or as a licensed practical nurse to an applicant who applied under division (B)(1) of this section if the following conditions are met:

(a) The applicant provides evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has met the educational requirements described in division (C) of this section.

(b) The examination, at the time it is successfully completed, is equivalent to the examination requirements in effect at that time for applicants who were licensed by examination in this state.

(c) The board determines there is sufficient evidence that the applicant completed two contact hours of continuing education directly related to this chapter or the rules adopted under it.

(d) The results of a criminal records check conducted in accordance with section 4723.091 of the Revised Code demonstrate that the applicant is not ineligible for licensure in accordance with section 4723.092 of the Revised Code.

(e) The applicant has not committed any act that is grounds for disciplinary action under section



3123.47 or 4723.28 of the Revised Code, or the board determines that an applicant who has committed any act that is grounds for disciplinary action under either of those sections has made restitution or has been rehabilitated, or both.

(C)(1) To be eligible for licensure by examination or endorsement under division (A) or (B) of this section, an applicant seeking a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse must successfully complete either of the following:

(a) A nursing education program approved by the board under division (A) of section 4723.06 of the Revised Code;

(b) A nursing education program approved by a board of another jurisdiction that is a member of the national council of state boards of nursing.

(2) To be eligible for licensure by examination or endorsement, an applicant seeking a license to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse must successfully complete one of the following:

(a) A nursing education program approved by the board under division (A) of section 4723.06 of the Revised Code;

(b) A nursing education program approved by a board of another jurisdiction that is a member of the national council of state boards of nursing;

(c) A practical nurse course offered or approved by the United States army;

(d) A practical nurse education program approved by the United States air force as either of the following:

(i) The community college of the air force associate degree in practical nursing technology;

(ii) The allied health program, for students who graduated that program prior to 2016.

(D) The board shall grant a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse or as a licensed practical



nurse in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse in a state that does not issue that license.

(E) The board may grant a nonrenewable temporary permit to practice nursing as a registered nurse or as a licensed practical nurse to an applicant for a license under division (B) or (D) of this section if the board is satisfied by the evidence that the applicant holds a current, valid, and unrestricted license or equivalent authorization from another jurisdiction. Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code does not apply for a temporary permit issued under this division. Subject to earlier automatic termination as described in this paragraph, the temporary permit shall expire at the earlier of one hundred eighty days after issuance or upon the issuance of a license under division (B) or (D) of this section. The temporary permit shall terminate automatically if the criminal records check completed by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation as described in section 4723.091 of the Revised Code regarding the applicant indicates that the applicant is ineligible for licensure in accordance with section 4723.092 of the Revised Code. An applicant whose temporary permit is automatically terminated is permanently prohibited from obtaining a license to practice nursing in this state as a registered nurse or as a licensed practical nurse.