



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4723-7-06 Practical nurse licensure by endorsement.

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[Comment: Information regarding the availability and effective date of the materials incorporated by reference in this rule can be found in paragraph (G) of rule 4723-1-03 of the Administrative Code.]

(A) A practical nurse applicant for licensure by endorsement shall satisfy the following:

(1) Have completed:

(a) A practical nursing education program approved by a jurisdiction of the national council of state boards of nursing at the time the applicant completed the program;

(b) If the applicant has practiced and maintained current, valid licensure as a licensed practical nurse in another jurisdiction for a minimum continuous period of five years prior to the date of application, either:

(i) A registered nursing education program approved by a jurisdiction of the national council of state boards of nursing, at the time the applicant completed the program; or

(ii) A registered nursing education program not approved by a jurisdiction of the national council of state boards of nursing, for which the board has received from the program administrator or designee, or from the jurisdiction in which the applicant was originally licensed by examination as a licensed practical nurse, a copy of an official transcript or other documentation demonstrating that the applicant's educational preparation is substantially similar to that required for programs approved by the board;

(2) Submit a completed "Nursing Licensure by Endorsement Application," and the applicable license application fee required by section 4723.08 of the Revised Code;

(3) As required by section 4723.09 of the Revised Code, submit to a criminal records check



completed by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation;

(4) Have been originally licensed to practice as a licensed practical nurse based upon passing a practical nurse examination and meet one of the following requirements:

(a) If originally licensed by examination on or after July 1, 1956, but prior to July 1, 1982, achievement of a score of at least three hundred fifty on the "State Board Test Pool Examination";

(b) If originally licensed by examination on or after July 1, 1982, but prior to October 1, 1988, achievement of a score of at least three hundred fifty on the NCLEX-PN; or

(c) If originally licensed by examination on or after October 1, 1988, achievement of a "pass" score on the NCLEX-PN.

(B) In addition to meeting the requirements in paragraph (A) of this rule, prior to licensure by endorsement as a practical nurse an applicant shall:

(1) Submit evidence of successful completion of a practical nursing program according to paragraph (A)(1) of this rule;

(2) Have submitted directly from the jurisdiction of the applicant's original licensure by examination, or electronically from the national council of state boards of nursing, verification of licensure by examination as a practical nurse, as required by paragraph (A)(4) of this rule;

(3) Have submitted verification of current, valid licensure as a licensed practical nurse directly from any jurisdiction of the national council of state boards of nursing or electronically by the national council of state boards of nursing;

(4) Have completed two contact hours of continuing education that is directly related to Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code or rules adopted by the board and that meets the requirements set forth in paragraph (C) of rule 4723-14-01 of the Administrative Code for category A education; and

(5) Submit any other documentation required by the board.



(C) The board may propose to deny licensure by endorsement pursuant to an adjudication conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(D) According to section 4723.09 of the Revised Code, the board may issue a nonrenewable temporary permit to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse to a practical nurse applicant for licensure by endorsement. A temporary permit expires at the earlier of one hundred eighty days after the permit is issued, or upon licensure by endorsement.

(E) An applicant for licensure by endorsement as a practical nurse who requests a temporary permit to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse in Ohio shall:

(1) Have submitted directly from the jurisdiction of the applicant's original licensure by examination, or electronically from the national council of state boards of nursing, verification of licensure by examination as a licensed practical nurse, according to paragraph (A)(4) of this rule;

(2) Have submitted verification of current, valid licensure as a licensed practical nurse directly from any jurisdiction of the national council of state boards of nursing, or electronically from the national council of state boards of nursing, and if the applicant qualifies for licensure by endorsement as a practical nurse by satisfying the requirements of paragraph (A)(1)(c) of this rule, documentation that the applicant has practiced and maintained current, valid licensure as a licensed practical nurse in another jurisdiction for a continuous period of five years prior to the date of application; and

(3) Submit any other documentation required by the board.

(F) If an applicant for licensure by endorsement as a licensed practical nurse fails to meet the requirements for licensure within one year from the date the application is received, or the application remains incomplete for one year, the application shall be considered void and the fee forfeited. The application shall state the circumstances under which forfeiture may occur.