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NRB Exceptions for Inactive and Retired Licenses in Relation to COVID-19

Several NRBs have come up with exceptions for inactive/retired licenses in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Below is a summary of NRB responses.

State/Territory	Summary of Exceptions
Alabama	Alabama BON adopted §610-X-4-.19ER, which includes the following: 1) reduction of the fee from \$600 to 250 for reactivating a retired nursing license within two years of retirement for the duration of the public health emergency. 2) CE requirement for reinstatement of a lapsed license or reactivation of a retired license are suspended for the duration of the public health emergency.
Alaska	N/A
American Samoa	N/A
Arizona	In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Arizona State BON is issuing 48-hour emergency temporary licenses. Emergency Declaration : allows expired Arizona licensees and certificate holders who do not have prior discipline or safety concerns, but have not met their practice hours requirements recently (within five years), to renew their licenses and certificates to provide needed services.
Arkansas	The Arkansas State BON may issue a free single state expedited nursing license that is valid for three months to those who have an inactive/expired/retired Arkansas nursing license.
California-RN	N/A
California-PN	At this time, a nurse with a retired license needs to follow requirements on a restoring a license (See item #4 in link).
Colorado	N/A
Connecticut	N/A

Delaware	N/A
District of Columbia	N/A
Florida	N/A
Georgia	N/A
Guam	N/A
Hawaii	N/A
Idaho	The Idaho BON is offering an expedited temporary reactivation application for anyone who was previously licensed in Idaho as an LPN, RN, and/or APRN and whose status is inactive. The application fee is waived.
Illinois	LPNs, RNs, and APRNs whose licenses are inactive or in non-renewed status for less than five years can temporarily restore their license, for no fee or CE requirement, to work under the direction of IEMA and IDPH or in a long-term care facility, hospital, or FQHC.
Indiana	<i>Pursuant to Executive order 20-13</i> : Any health care professional who has in the past 5 years retired or otherwise has an inactive license, and whose license has not been revoked, suspended or relinquished, may provide health care services without reinstatement or approval by the relevant licensing board.
Iowa	The Iowa BON temporarily allows Iowa nurses who have been inactive for less than five years to provide nursing care and treatment of victims during this public health disaster emergency.
Kansas	N/A
Kentucky	The governor approved two emergency regulations enacted by the Kentucky Board of Nursing, 201 KAR 20:225E and 201 KAR 20:470E, which allow for the issuance of a temporary work permit to a nurse or dialysis technician who applies for and is eligible for reinstatement of a lapsed or retired license. https://kbn.ky.gov/Documents/REG470E.pdf https://kbn.ky.gov/Documents/REG225E.pdf
Louisiana-RN	N/A
Louisiana-PN	N/A
Maine	The Maine BON allows the expedited licensure (at no cost) of qualified retired nurses to provide assistance for the duration of the emergency.
Maryland	The Maryland BON will expedite all requests from inactive practitioners to reinstate inactive licenses.
Massachusetts	Any registration held by an RN or LPN that is in good standing as of 3.17.20 and that has expired or will expire during the state of emergency, is

	hereby extended and shall remain valid until at least 90 days following the termination of the state of emergency.
Michigan	N/A
Minnesota	N/A
Mississippi	The Mississippi BON is accepting applications for 120-day temporary permits from: currently licensed nurses in other states, nurses previously licensed in Mississippi and graduates of an approved school of nursing prior to NCLEX testing and permanent licensure.
Missouri	N/A
Montana	N/A
Nebraska	N/A
Nevada	N/A
New Hampshire	N/A
New Jersey	N/A
New Mexico	N/A
New York	<p>For New York State (NYS) licensees returning to practice to assist in the COVID-19 response efforts, wondering if they need to re-register to practice:</p> <p>Currently, pursuant to Executive Orders, NYS licensed registered professional nurses, licensed practical nurses, and nurse practitioners do not need to be registered to practice in the State of New York.</p> <p>Executive Order: Any licensed health insurance company shall deliver to the Superintendent, no later than March 24, 2020 a list of all persons who have a professional licensure or degree, whether physician's assistant, medical doctor, licensed registered nurse, licensed nurse practitioner or licensed practical nurse, and whether or not the person has a currently valid, or recently (within past five years) expired license in the state of New York. The Department of Financial Services shall poll such individuals to determine whether or not such professionals would serve in the COVID-19 response effort.</p>
North Carolina	4/6 document temporarily waives requirements for inactive and retired nurses.
North Dakota	N/A
Northern Mariana Islands	All license expiration dates are automatically extended 30 days until the state of emergency is terminated. All licensees may continue to practice during the state of emergency.
Ohio	N/A
Oklahoma	Any individual who has an OK RN or LPN nursing license that has not been active for less

	<p>than five years may be issued a temporary single state nursing license if the individual meets all reinstatement requirements except continuing qualifications for practice. There is no fee, but an application must be filled out (see link).</p> <p>Any individual whose OK nursing license is lapsed and cannot be reinstated due to OK Tax Commission noncompliance, may reinstate the nursing licenses as long as the (emergency) Executive Order is in effect. This is relevant for APRNs as well.</p>
Pennsylvania	<p>The extension for 90 days of certain license renewal deadlines which fall between April 30, 2020, and June 30, 2020. Any associated regulations that establish these dates are temporarily suspended. This waiver ensures that if a nurses misses the deadline, their licenses will remain valid, and they will have an additional 90 days to renew them.</p> <p>For RNs, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner and Prescriptive Authority license renewal deadlines will be extended from April 30, 2020, to July 29, 2020. Practical Nurse (PN) license renewal will be extended from June 30, 2020, to September 28, 2020.</p>
Rhode Island	N/A
South Carolina	LPN, RN and APRN licenses that expire on April 30, 2020, will now expire on May 31, 2020.
South Dakota	<p>Governor Noem is reaching out to the state's licensed medical professionals (physicians, nurses, EMTs, etc.) who are willing to volunteer their services during this COVID-19 pandemic through the Department of Health's Statewide Emergency Registry of Volunteers in South Dakota (SERV SD). SERV SD coordinates the pre-registration of medical and health care professionals who may be willing to volunteer in the event of an emergency.</p> <p>Message to residents: Whether you work in a health field or not, active or retired, if you have an interest in assisting your community or state during the COVID-19 pandemic, we invite you to join SERV SD. SERV SD will create a database of medical and health care volunteers who can be mobilized immediately in response to an emergency. Participation in a deployment</p>

	<p>opportunity is optional. You may decide at the time a call is made to volunteer if you are willing and able to respond.</p> <p>Register here.</p>
Tennessee	<p>Executive Orders #15 and #20: Related rules and policies are suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commissioner of Health the authority to grant a license, certificate, or registration to a healthcare professional, such as a retired healthcare professional, who has been out of practice for a period of time without requiring that individual to demonstrate continued competency or submit to an interview before a licensing board or other licensing authority, provided that the individual satisfies all other requirements for licensure, certification, or registration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Applicants must submit a reinstatement application and meet requirements for licensure except for continued competency requirements.</i>
Texas	<p>Nurses with INACTIVE, RETIRED, or DELINQUENT licenses who would like to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic: submit the appropriate Renewal or Reactivation Application with the appropriate fee (\$45 for LVNs, \$68 for RNs) and writing “WAIVER” across the top of the application.</p> <p>The following items are waived and do not need to be completed: the additional reactivation fee, CE requirement, Refresher Course requirement, and Jurisprudence Exam requirement.</p> <p>If a nurse has a felony arrest and/or conviction, Suspended and/or Revoked License, active Monitoring, or is an APRN they should email Mark Majek for guidance (mark.majek@bon.texas.gov).</p>
Utah	<p>A nurse formerly licensed in Utah or in another U.S. state or territory, whose license was unrestricted and in good standing, may apply for a volunteer health care practitioner license to work exclusively as a volunteer at a qualified location (clinic, hospital, church, etc.). The nurse would work under a delegation of service agreement</p>

	with an actively licensed supervising professional. All DOPL fees are waived for these applicants. Apply for a Volunteer Health Care Practitioner license at: https://dopl.utah.gov/nurse/ .
Vermont	N/A
Virgin Islands	N/A
Virginia	N/A
Washington	These emergency rules waive the requirement for continuing education in order to allow nurses with a retired active license to immediately begin working. These rules also waive the restriction that ARNPs with an inactive or expired license must complete clinical practice hours.
West Virginia PN	N/A
West Virginia-RN	N/A
Wisconsin	Emergency Rules allows the Department of Health Services to have the authority to take all necessary and appropriate measures to prevent and respond to incidents in WI. The BON has taken emergency measures allowing nurses who've retired or who have expired licenses to be able to have their licenses quickly reinstated with no refresher courses and no fees.
Wyoming	N/A

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