

21 NCAC 36 .0218 LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

(a) Applications for licensure by endorsement shall be posted on the Board's website at www.ncbon.com and shall contain the following information:

- (1) The applicant's name, telephone number, and email address;
- (2) The applicant's primary address of residence;
- (3) The educational degrees obtained by the applicant with the program name and completion date;
- (4) State or Country, license number, and year of licensure by examination in the original jurisdiction of licensure;
- (5) State or Country and license number of an active license or any license held under which the applicant worked within the previous five years;
- (6) Other professional or occupational licenses held by the applicant with the licensure number and jurisdiction in which the license was issued, if applicable; and
- (7) Dates of employment and position(s) held for the last two nursing employers.

(b) To be eligible for licensure by endorsement, an applicant shall:

- (1) submit a completed Application for Endorsement, attesting under oath or affirmation that the information on the application is true and complete, and authorizing the release to the Board of all information pertaining to the application;
- (2) a valid social security number issued by the U.S. Social Security Administration;
- (3) submit the licensure application fee as established in G.S. 90-171.27(b);
- (4) have an unencumbered license in all jurisdictions in which a license is or has ever been held. If applicant has any disciplinary history on a license or has participated in a drug monitoring program, the applicant shall submit written explanation and all related documents to the Board;
- (5) request verification of nurse licensure from the jurisdiction of original nurse licensure. If the license has been inactive for five or more years, the applicant shall be required to complete a refresher course pursuant to G.S. 90-171.35 and G.S. 90-171.36;
- (6) request verification of nurse licensure from the jurisdictions where applicant holds or last held an active license;
- (7) complete a prelicensure nursing program which is approved by the jurisdiction of original licensure at the time of program completion and is equivalent or greater to the requirements for NC prelicensure nursing programs as required in Section .0300 of this Chapter. Applicant shall provide an educational transcript submitted directly to the Board from the program, National Student Clearinghouse, or Parchment upon request of the Board;
- (8) Upon request of the Board, if applicant completed a nursing program outside of the United States, applicant shall provide electronic verification from the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) or International Education Evaluation (IEE) demonstrating the applicant's education is equivalent or greater to the requirements for NC nursing prelicensure programs as required in Section .0300 of this Chapter;
- (9) Complete a criminal background check in accordance with G.S. 171.48. The applicant shall provide a written explanation and all investigative reports or court documents evidencing the circumstances of the crime(s) upon request of the Board. The Board shall use these documents when determining if a license should be denied pursuant to G.S. 90-171.48 and G.S. 90-171.37; and
- (10) Not be subject to probationary conditions or monitoring by the court as a result of any misdemeanor or felony convictions.

(c) In addition to the requirements in Paragraph (b) of this Rule, should a practical nurse seeking licensure by endorsement who obtained licensure in a jurisdiction that does not require program completion, the applicant shall:

- (1) have been licensed for five years and provide verification from their employers of full-time nursing employment for the previous two calendar years immediately preceding filing of the application; or
- (2) complete one of the following military courses of study for practical nursing equivalent or greater to the requirements for NC prelicensure nursing programs as evidenced by a transcript: Army Practical Nursing; Army MOS 68C Practical Nursing; Air Force Practical Nursing Technology Associate Degree; or Medical Corpsman to Practical Nurse.

(d) An applicant shall be required to appear in person for an interview with the Board if there is a discrepancy in the information submitted.

(e) An application is valid for:

- (1) One year from the date the application is filed with the Board; or
- (2) A license is issued.

A license issued pursuant to this Rule shall be for the remainder of the biennial period.

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