



**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**  
INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 851  
**BOARD OF NURSING**

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*The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.*

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HEARING(S)

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Presenters may also register at the beginning of the hearing but are encouraged to pre-register to reserve time during the hearing for the presentation of testimony.

Each presenter will have 3 minutes to testify. Be prepared to summarize your comments to fit within the allotted time.

The hearing will close no later than 12:00 PM and may close earlier if all individuals that have registered to testify have had the opportunity to enter their comments into the record.

Submit Written Comments Via email: [brandy.ritter@osbn.oregon.gov](mailto:brandy.ritter@osbn.oregon.gov).

All written comments and materials must be received by the close of the comment period on October 21, 2025, at 5:00PM. Late comments will not be reviewed or considered.

For accommodations or questions, please contact the OSBN Rule Coordinator at least 72 hours prior to the hearing.

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#### NEED FOR THE RULE(S)

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) proposes amendments to Division 31 to consolidate all nursing licensure requirements—Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Registered Nurse (RN), and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)—into a single division. This effort aligns with the Board’s ongoing rule simplification and modernization initiative and follows the repeal of Division 53, which previously addressed APRN licensure separately.

The revisions:

- Remove outdated references to “practice hours” in compliance with HB 3044, replacing them with continuing education requirements where applicable.
- Standardize terminology by replacing “unencumbered” with “in good standing.”
- Clarify grammatical and usage issues, including the consistent use of “diagnose” rather than “diagnosing” and correcting “and/or” to “one or the other.”
- Harmonize application, endorsement, renewal, and re-entry provisions for all license types, ensuring a consistent structure that supports both regulatory clarity and IT system integration.

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#### DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE

Enrolled House Bill 3044 (2023)

- ORS 678 (Nurse Practice Act)
- Current Division 31 and Division 53 administrative rules

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#### STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE

Adoption of these rules will have no impact on racial equity in Oregon. The changes apply uniformly to all applicants and licensees regardless of race, ethnicity, or cultural background.

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#### FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The Oregon State Board of Nursing will incorporate updated forms and communications into routine operations without additional budget requests.

No impact to members of the public these limited changes will improve clarity and alignment with current law.

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#### COST OF COMPLIANCE:

*(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).*

State Agencies & Local Government: No significant fiscal impact anticipated. The Oregon State Board of Nursing will incorporate updated forms and communications into routine operations without additional budget requests.

Members of the Public: No impact limited to improved clarity and alignment with current law.

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#### DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

There is no anticipated impact on small businesses, as the changes are administrative in nature and do not alter the qualifications or process for licensure.

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WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? YES

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RULES PROPOSED:

851-031-0006, 851-031-0008, 851-031-0015, 851-031-0021, 851-031-0026, 851-031-0027, 851-031-0032, 851-031-0035, 851-031-0039, 851-031-0040, 851-031-0041, 851-031-0042, 851-031-0043, 851-031-0048, 851-031-0051, 851-031-0052, 851-031-0055, 851-031-0061, 851-031-0065, 851-031-0085, 851-031-0086, 851-031-0087

AMEND: 851-031-0006

RULE SUMMARY: Updates general eligibility requirements.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-031-0006

General Eligibility Requirements for All Initial Applications for License, License Renewal, and License Reactivation  
Initial Licensure by Examination - Practical Nurse (PN) and Registered Nurse (RN) ¶

(1) Limits on Eligibility:¶

~~(a) If the applicant has past, current or pending disciplinary action~~ An individual may apply for an initial PN license or RN license by submitting another licensing jurisdiction, the Board may investigate and may deny or otherwise discipline including possible revocation of licensure.¶

~~(b) If the applicant falsifies completed application, which includes:~~¶

~~(a) The Board's initial application by examination form;~~¶

~~(b) Payment of the fee and application, supplies misleading~~ ible in OAR Chapter 851 Division 2;¶

~~(c) Confirmation or withholds information, such action may be grounds for denial or revocation~~ graduation from a nursing education program as defined in section.¶

~~(2) General Eligibility Requirements of this rule:~~¶

~~(a) A completed application per the instruction~~ Proof of passing the NCLEX®-PN or NCLEX®-RN depending on the level of licensure sought; and¶

~~(e) Completions of application(s) provided by the Board. The Board determines the format for application submission. The applicant takes accountability for assuring that the appropriate application(s) are completed.~~¶

~~(b) Documentation of successful completion~~ national fingerprint-based criminal background check as defined in OAR 851-001-0115.¶

~~(2) Confirmation of graduation from a nursing education program includes:~~¶

~~(a) For graduates of Oregon nursing education programs, verification of graduation of~~ by the Board-approved examination based upon the graduation date of the applicant.¶

~~(A) A registered nurse applicant for licensure must have achieved the following minimum score on the licensure examination~~ nursing program administrator.¶

~~(b) For graduates of non-Oregon nursing education programs that have an NCLEX® code:~~¶

~~(i) Tests taken before February 1982, a standard score of 350 or above in each of the five test sections comprising the State~~ An official transcript that includes the degree, diploma or certificate ~~Board Testing Pool Examination.~~¶

~~(ii) Between July 1982 through June 1988, a comprehensive standard minimum score of 1600 or above on the NCLEX® comprehensive exam.~~¶

~~(iii) Beginning February 1989, a designation of a "Pass" score on the NCLEX-RN®.~~¶

~~(B) A practical nurse applicant for licensure must have achieved the following minimum standard score on the licensure examination:~~¶

~~(i) Between June 1951 up to and including April 1988, a comprehensive standard score of 350 or above on the~~ Voiced, the graduation date, and documentation of a clinical component as defined in OAR Chapter 851 Division 6; ~~and~~¶

~~(B) Verification that the nursing education program is approved by the appropriate regulatory body.~~¶

~~(c) For graduates of international Nursing Exam.~~¶

~~(ii) Beginning October 1988, a designation of a "Pass" score on the NCLEX-PN®.~~¶

~~(c) No challenge or state constructed examination or other method of licensure examination will be accepted.~~¶

~~(d) Continuing education requirements:~~¶

~~(A) Pain Management: education programs that do not have an NCLEX® code, a credential evaluation that includes:¶~~

~~(A) Confirmation of completion of a nursing education program approved by the appropriate regulatory body;¶~~

~~(iB) Initial applicants must have completed the one-hour Oregon Pain Management Commission (OPMC) pain education course or an equivalent pain management Theory and clinical hours completed; ¶~~

~~(C) Verification that the education is comparable to an Oregon nursing education program; as determined by the Board. ¶~~

~~(ii) Renewal and reactivation¶~~

~~(D) If available, licensure details from the issuing authority.¶~~

~~(3) An applicants must have completed, within the 36 months immediately preceding submission of the renewal application, the one-hour OPMC pain education course; attempt to pass the NCLEX® four times. After four attempts each subsequent attempt requires a completed retake application, which includes:¶~~

~~(a) The Board's retake for an equivalent pain management education program as determined by the Board. m;¶~~

~~(b) Payment of the applicable fee in OAR Chapter 851 Division 2; and¶~~

~~(Bc) Cultural C Documentation of competency:¶~~

~~(i) Initial applicants must have completed two hours of cultural competency continuing education within the two years immediately preceding submission of the initial application. ¶~~

~~(ii) All renewal and reactivation applicants must, at every other renewal, have completed two houion of an NCLEX® review course; or¶~~

~~(d) An individualized study plan that addresses specific content for areas not passed based on the most recent candidate performance report and study methods, such as self-study, tutors, of cultural r study groups.¶~~

~~(4) Incompleteny continuing education within the previous two renewal periods immediately preceeding the submission of the application applications expire 12 months from the initial submission date.~~

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.850, ORS 678.040, ORS 678.050, ORS 678.101, ORS 678.111, ORS 678.150, ORS 678.415

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.850, ORS 678.040, ORS 678.050, ORS 678.101, ORS 678.111, ORS 678.150, ORS 678.415

ADOPT: 851-031-0008

RULE SUMMARY: Continuing competency requirements adopting a consolidated licensure eligibility chart for all nursing license types.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-031-0008

Competency Requirements

(1) All applicants must complete a one-hour pain management education program developed by the Oregon Pain Management Commission or through a Board approved nursing education program at initial licensure and every 36 months thereafter. ¶

(2) A renewal applicant must complete two hours of cultural competency continuing education (CE) every other renewal cycle. ¶

(3) Effective January 1, 2028, a renewal applicant must complete continuing education as applicable, prior to submission of the renewal application: ¶

(a) LPN or RN applicants, 20 hours within two years; ¶

(b) CNS applicants, 75 hours of CE within the last five years; or ¶

(c) Nurse emeritus applicants, 10 hours of CE within two years; or ¶

(d) CRNA or NP applicants with current national certification meet CE requirements for license renewal. ¶

(4) A reinstatement or disciplinary reinstatement applicant must complete the following amount of CE: ¶

(a) If the license has expired for more than 90 days but no more than two years, 20 hours; ¶

(b) If the license has been expired for more than two years but no more than three years, 30 hours; ¶

(c) If the license has expired for more than three years but no more than four years, 40 hours; ¶

(d) If the license has expired for more than four years but no more than five years, 50 hours; or ¶

(e) If the license has been expired for more than five years, 60 hours. ¶

(5) The CE listed in sections (1) and (2) of this rule may be counted toward the applicant's required number of CE hours under section (3) or (4) of this rule. ¶

(6) An LPN or RN renewal applicant may satisfy the requirement in subsection (4) of this rule by providing proof of passing the NCLEX® at the level of licensure sought within two years prior to submission of the renewal application form. ¶

(7) Unless otherwise indicated in this rule, all CE must be in nursing topics relevant to the applicant's level of licensure.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.150, ORS 678.040, ORS 678.050, ORS 678.370, ORS 678.372, ORS 678.375, ORS 678.380, ORS 678.385, ORS 678.390

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.010-ORS 678.150, ORS 678.360-ORS 678.390

REPEAL: 851-031-0015

RULE SUMMARY: Repealed as content is relocated to consolidated licensure rules.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-031-0015

Eligibility for Licensure by Examination for Graduates of Programs in the United States with a designated NCLEX® Program Code

(1) Graduation from an approved nursing program, as defined in ORS 678.040. If enrolled after January 1, 2022, the program must include a clinical component.¶¶

(a) An applicant for the practical nurse examination must show evidence of having graduated from a pre-licensure program preparing graduates for a Practical Nurse or Registered Nurse license or have graduated from the Air Force 4N0515 skill level or the Army 68WM6 Practical Nurse Program.¶¶

(b) An applicant for the registered nurse examination must show evidence of having graduated from a pre-licensure Diploma, Associate Degree, or Baccalaureate Degree registered nurse program.¶¶

(c) Participants enrolling in an accelerated master's or doctorate of nursing program after July 1, 2021, must provide evidence of an awarded degree in Nursing to apply for licensure as a registered nurse. A letter of equivalency will not be accepted as a qualification for licensure per ORS 678.040(1)(2). The Master's or doctorate degree will be accepted as qualifying for licensure if the applicant has not been previously licensed nor taken the NCLEX® prior to finishing the program.¶¶

(2) Successful completion of the Board defined examination for nursing licensure.¶¶

(3) Limits on Eligibility for Licensure by Examination:¶¶

(a) Applicants for initial licensure by examination, not previously licensed in another state or country, will be permitted to test no more than two years following program graduation.¶¶

(b) Applicants who have graduated from the military courses referenced in section (1)(a) of this section will be eligible to sit for the NCLEX-PN® by providing a DD-214 indicating training in the required military education and must be currently enlisted or within two years of discharge.¶¶

(c) An applicant who fails to pass the examination after four attempts will not be eligible to reapply for licensure by examination unless the applicant graduates from an additional nursing program. A nursing re-entry program would not qualify the applicant for license by examination for those who have not been previously licensed.¶¶

(4) To qualify for a license the applicant must:¶¶

(a) Submit a completed application; and¶¶

(b) Graduate from an Oregon Board approved school of nursing or graduation from a non-Oregon state approved nursing program or qualify as a military practical nurse as defined in section (3)(b) of this rule; and¶¶

(c) Register and pay fees to the testing service authorized to administer the NCLEX-RN® or NCLEX-PN® examination.¶¶

(5) Results of Examination:¶¶

(a) All applicants must pass the NCLEX® prior to being authorized to practice as a licensed nurse in Oregon. No temporary practice permits are issued by the Board.¶¶

(b) An applicant who passes the examination will be granted a license to practice nursing in Oregon after all other requirements for licensure have been met.¶¶

(c) An applicant who fails the licensing examination must meet requirements for reexamination.¶¶

(d) Reexamination following one or more failure(s) up to the four attempts allowed:¶¶

(A) An applicant notification of failed exam and instructions for reexamination will be sent to the applicant's address as listed with the authorized testing service.¶¶

(B) An applicant for reexamination must submit the required application and fee with the Board before being eligible to take the examination.¶¶

(C) The applicant must register and pay the fee to the authorized NCLEX® testing service.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.040, ORS 678.050, ORS 678.150, ORS 678.415

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.040, ORS 678.050, ORS 678.150, ORS 678.415

REPEAL: 851-031-0021

RULE SUMMARY: Repealed as content is relocated to consolidated licensure rules.

CHANGES TO RULE:

**851-031-0021**

~~Licensure by Examination for Graduates of Nursing Programs Outside of the US or from Programs without an NCLEX® program code and who have less than 400 practice hours in two years from graduation~~

~~(1) Graduates from nursing programs in Canada also refer to OAR 851-031-0027.¶¶~~

~~(2) Graduates from nursing programs in Puerto Rico also refer to OAR 851-031-0032.¶¶~~

~~(3) Applicants with no nursing experience will not be eligible for Oregon licensure if the completed application is received more than two years after graduation.¶¶~~

~~(4) Applicants must have graduated from a nursing program approved by the applicable education approval body in the country or jurisdiction where the program is located.¶¶~~

~~(5) Applicants must arrange for a credentials evaluation by a Board approved evaluation service for their international nursing program to be sent to the Board. The credential evaluation must show substantive equivalency with programs of the same level in the U.S. and for the applied level of licensure.¶¶~~

~~(6) Must pass the NCLEX® examination.¶¶~~

~~(7) Applicants who have failed the examination must be held to the re-examination requirements of OAR 851-031-0015(5).~~

~~Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.040, ORS 678.050, ORS 678.150, ORS 678.415~~

~~Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.040, ORS 678.050, ORS 678.150, ORS 678.415~~

REPEAL: 851-031-0026

RULE SUMMARY: Repealed as content is relocated to consolidated licensure rules.

CHANGES TO RULE:

**851-031-0026**

~~Licensure By Examination for Graduates of Nursing Programs Outside of The US or From Programs Without An NCLEX® Program Code and Who Meet The Practice Requirements of 400 Hours of Nursing Practice in The Two Years Preceding Receipt of A Completed Application. This Section Is Also Applicable to Internationally Educated and Licensed Applicants Who Will Be Attending A Graduate Program That Includes A Hands-On Practice Practicum~~

- ~~(1) Applicants must arrange for a credentials evaluation by a Board approved evaluation service for their international nursing program to be sent to the Board. The credential evaluation must show substantive equivalency with programs of the same level in the U.S. and for the applied level of licensure.¶¶~~
- ~~(2) Verification of practice hours must be received directly from the employer. The verification must contain the level of practice and a listing of nursing duties, the number of hours worked, and signed by an administrator of the facility. This letter must be presented in English; a translated copy of the original letter from an American Translators Association certified translator will be accepted as long as it is accompanied by the primary source letter in its original language.¶¶~~
- ~~(3) Applicants who are approved to practice nursing in another country and have practiced in a nursing role outside of the US and who have never held a US nursing license must take the NCLEX® prior to being awarded a license to practice in Oregon.¶¶~~
- ~~(4) Applicants eligible for licensure under this section must pass the NCLEX® prior to application expiration or will be required to enroll and pass a Board approved nursing re-entry program.¶¶~~
- ~~(5) Applicants who have failed the examination will be held to the re-examination requirements of OAR 851-031-0015 (5).¶¶~~
- ~~(6) Applicants with 400 hours of nursing practice within two years of application must meet the requirements of this section prior to being allowed to voluntarily take a Board approved re-entry course.~~

~~Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.040, ORS 678.050, ORS 678.150, ORS 678.415~~

~~Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.040, ORS 678.050, ORS 678.150, ORS 678.415~~



REPEAL: 851-031-0027

RULE SUMMARY: Repealed as content is relocated to consolidated licensure rules.

CHANGES TO RULE:

**851-031-0027**

**Licensure by Examination for Graduates of Programs in Canada**

~~(1) Applicants from programs preparing graduates for licensure as registered nurses with graduation dates prior to January 1, 2015, must meet the requirements in OAR 851-031-0021 or 851-031-0026.¶~~

~~(2) Applicants from programs preparing graduates for licensure as registered nurses that have a designated, program-specific NCLEX-RN® program code, and who graduated on or after January 1, 2015, must meet the licensure requirements in OAR 851-031-0015.¶~~

~~(3) The NCLEX® is not available for graduates of Canadian Practical Nurse Programs who must apply for Oregon licensure as per the requirements of OAR 851-031-0021 or 851-031-0026.~~

~~Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.040, ORS 678.050, ORS 678.150, ORS 678.415~~

~~Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.040, ORS 678.050, ORS 678.150, ORS 678.415~~

REPEAL: 851-031-0032

RULE SUMMARY: Repealed as content is relocated to consolidated licensure rules.

CHANGES TO RULE:

**851-031-0032**

**Licensure by Examination for Graduates of Programs in Puerto Rico**

~~(1) Applicants from nursing programs in Puerto Rico who have not been previously licensed or do not meet the minimum 400 practice hours in the two years preceding receipt of a completed application and whose course instruction and textbooks were primarily in Spanish, and have not taken the NCLEX-RN® or NCLEX-PN®, must meet the requirements in OAR 851-031-0021, with the exception of section (5) of the rule, if the program was accredited by a national nursing program accreditation agency at the time of graduation.¶¶~~

~~(2) Applicants from Puerto Rico who are licensed in Puerto Rico and have 400 or more hours of practice in the two years preceding receipt of the application, but have not taken the NCLEX®, must qualify under OAR 851-031-0026 (2) through (6), when:¶¶~~

~~(a) Course instruction and textbooks were primarily in Spanish; and¶¶~~

~~(b) Applicants licensed in Puerto Rico by successfully completing the Spanish language Nursing Examination applicable to Puerto Rican licensure requirements.~~

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.040, ORS 678.050, ORS 678.150, ORS 678.415

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.040, ORS 678.050, ORS 678.150, ORS 678.415

AMEND: 851-031-0035

RULE SUMMARY: Update statutes implemented

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-031-0035

Temporary License for Spouses and Domestic Partners of Active-Duty Armed Forces of the United States Stationed in Oregon

- (1) A temporary license to practice Registered Nursing (RN) or Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) shall be issued to the spouse of active-duty armed forces personnel when the following requirements are met:
- (a) A completed application and payment of fee is received by the Board; and
  - (b) Submission of a copy of the military orders assigning the active-duty member to an assignment in Oregon; and
  - (c) The spouse holds a current license in another state to practice nursing at the level of application; and
  - (d) The license is unencumbered and verified as active and current through processes defined by the Board.
- (2) The temporary license shall expire on the following date, whichever occurs first:
- (a) Oregon is no longer the duty station of the active armed forces member; or
  - (b) The license in the state used to obtain a temporary license expires; or
  - (c) Two years after the issuance of the temporary license; or
  - (d) When no longer a spouse or domestic partner of an active-duty armed forces member.
- (e) This temporary license is not renewable. If the dates in section two of this rule are exceeded and the spouse continues to practice in Oregon, the spouse must apply for an active Oregon license. The active license must be obtained using the processes and fees established for permanent licensure. Continuing to work in Oregon when the temporary license has expired will be considered practicing without a valid license and is subject to Board action.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.440, ORS 678.150

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.440, ORS 678.150, ~~HB 3030-2019 Legislative Session~~ ORS 678.308

AMEND: 851-031-0039

RULE SUMMARY: Clarifies provisions for endorsements.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-031-0039

Initial Licensure by Endorsement - PN and RN

~~(1) Applicant must meet all standard individual who holds for eligibility establish~~ has held in OAR 851-031-0006 and have completed at least 400 hours of verifiable practice within two years or have graduated from their initial nursing program within two years preceding submission of a completed application. If qualifying by a practical, vocational or registered nurse license in another state or U.S. territory may apply for licensure by endorsement by submitting a completed application, which includes:

~~(a) The Board's initial edu~~ application and enrolled in the program on or after January 1, 2022, the program must include a clinical component by endorsement form;

~~(b) Payment of the applicable fees in OAR Chapter 851 Division 2;~~

~~(2c) Requirements and procedures for Licensure by Endorsement;~~

~~(a) Using instr~~ Confirmation of graduation from a nursing education provided by the Board, the applicant must arrange for; gram as defined in section (2) of this rule;

~~(Ad) Primary source verification from original licensing state or US jurisdiction showing successful completion of the examination~~ oof of passing the NCLEX® for type of licensure sought;

~~(e) Completion of pain management CE as defined in OAR 851-031-0006(2)(b); and~~ 8;

~~(Bf) Transcript documenting graduation from a pre-licensure program used to o~~ Completion of a national fingerprint-based crim inally qualify the applicant for nursing licensure. If the program no longer exists, the applicant must provide verification from the state in which the program was located stating that the program was authorized as a degree, diploma, or certification awarding nursing program in that state at the time of graduation and the applicant must provide documents that a degree in nursing was received from the program; or

~~(C) If internationally edue~~ background check as defined in OAR 851-001-0115; and

~~(g) If the individual's license is not active in the issuing state or U.S. territory, completion of CE as defined in OAR 851-031-0008, based on how long the license has been expired.~~

~~(2) Confirmation of graduation includes:~~

~~(a) An official transcript that includes the degree, certificate, or diploma awarded, the graduation dated, a credential evaluation from a US board approved credential evaluation service, document~~ nd documentation of a clinical component as defined in OAR 851-006-0030; and

~~(b) Verification that the nursing gra~~ education from a pre-licensure program that originally qualified the applicant for nursing licensure. The age of the program was approved by the appropriate agency in the state or U.S. territory.

~~(c) A credential evaluation report is not relevant as long as the report is the original report establishing educational equivalency~~ dfor graduates of international nursing initial licensure in the US.

~~(b) An application for licensure by endorsement that has not resulted in the issuance of a license within one (1) calendar year of payment posting will be considered void.~~

~~(c) Nurses licensed prior to 1989 without verification of passing the State Board Testing Pool Examination or verification of other US entry-level education program that does not have an NCLEX® code, which includes:~~

~~(A) Confirmation of completion of a nursing education program approved by the appropriate regulatory body;~~

~~(B) Theory and clinical hours competency examination must have their application reviewed by the full Board for determination if documents qualify for Oregon licensure.~~

~~(3) Applicants from Puerto Rico who have been initially licensed in Puerto Rico and have taken the NCLEX-RN® or NCLEX-PN® must meet the requirements of this section to qualify for endorsement.~~

~~(4) Applicants from Canada qualify for endorsement if they graduated after January 1, 2015, and meet the requirements of this rule. Section (2)(a)(C) of this rule does not apply;~~

~~(C) Verification that the education is comparable to an Oregon nursing education program; and~~

~~(D) If available, licensure details from the issuing authority.~~

~~(3) Incomplete applications expire 12 months from the initial submission date.~~

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.040, ORS 678.050, ORS 678.150, ORS 678.415

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.040, ORS 678.050, ORS 678.150, ORS 678.415

REPEAL: 851-031-0040

RULE SUMMARY: Repealed as content is relocated to consolidated licensure rules.

CHANGES TO RULE:

**851-031-0040**

**Nurses Practicing in Oregon Under a 90-day Exception**

~~(1) Nonresident nurses licensed and in good standing in another state if nonresident nurses are practicing in this state on a single assignment of not to exceed 90 days, renewable for not to exceed 90 days, for assignments that are for the general public benefit.¶¶~~

~~(2) An entity that employs a nurse described under ORS 678.031 (7) shall notify the Oregon State Board of Nursing in writing of the number of nurses so employed and the time of employment and shall certify that there is no labor dispute affecting nurses at the entity. In addition, at the request of the board, the entity shall provide documentation that the nurses so employed are licensed and in good standing in another state or United States territory.¶¶~~

~~(3) Nurses employed in this state under ORS 678.031 (7) at the time of employment, shall apply for an Oregon license by endorsement or, if the nurse was previously licensed in this state, for reactivation of the nurse's Oregon license.~~

~~Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.034, ORS 678.150, ORS 678.061~~

~~Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.031, ORS 678.034, ORS 678.150~~

AMEND: 851-031-0041

RULE SUMMARY: Replaces outdated terms and updates reactivation to reinstatement.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-031-0041

Governor Declared Emergency

(1) During an emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to ORS 401.165 and subject to terms and conditions that the Board may impose, a limited LPN or RN license may be issued to an applicant who holds active unencumbered nursing licensure at the same level in another state or U.S. jurisdiction when the following requirements are met:¶

(a) A completed application and payment of fee is received by the Board; and¶

(b) Using instructions provided by the Board, the applicant must arrange for primary source verification of the active unencumbered nursing license in another state or jurisdiction. ¶

(2) The limited license shall expire on the following date, whichever occurs first:¶

(a) The Oregon Governor-Declared Emergency declaration expires; or¶

(b) The license in the state or jurisdiction that was used to obtain the limited license expires; or¶

(c) Two years after the issuance of the limited license. ¶

(3) Non-Renewable Limited License: A limited license for a governor-declared emergency is not renewable and expires based on whichever occurs first in OAR 851-031-0041(2). The individual must apply for permanent Oregon LPN or RN licensure by endorsement to continue working as a nurse in Oregon. Continuing to work in Oregon after the limited license has expired, and without an active permanent Oregon nursing license at the same level is considered practicing without a valid license and is subject to Board action.¶

(4) Reactivation/Reinstatement of Limited License: A previously issued expired limited license may be reactivated if the following are true:¶

(a) A new state of emergency has been declared by the Governor; and¶

(b) The individual has not been issued permanent Oregon nursing licensure by endorsement; and¶

(c) Holds active unencumbered nursing licensure at the same level in another state or U.S. jurisdiction.¶

(d) A qualified applicant must:¶

(A) Submit a completed reactivation/reinstatement application and fee to the Board; and¶

(B) Using instructions provided by the Board, the applicant must arrange for primary source verification of the active unencumbered nursing license in another state or jurisdiction.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.050

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.050

ADOPT: 851-031-0042

RULE SUMMARY: Establishes requirements for initial application and documentation for APRN initial licensure.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-031-0042

Initial Licensure - APRN

(1) An individual may apply for initial licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) by submitting a completed application that includes:¶

(a) The Board's APRN application form for the license type and population focus area sought;¶

(b) Payment of the applicable fees in OAR Chapter 851 Division 2;¶

(c) Verification of an Oregon RN license;¶

(d) Official transcript confirming graduation date and degree or certificate awarded from a graduate or post-master's level nursing education program that:¶

(A) Has national accreditation from a national nursing accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education at the time the applicant graduated; and¶

(B) Includes preparation in APRN core competencies; ¶

(e) Completion of a national fingerprint-based criminal background check as described in OAR 851-001-0115; ¶

(f) Complete a one-hour pain management education program as described in OAR 851-031-0008(1); and¶

(g) If applicable, primary source verification of APRN licensure held in another state or U.S. territory. ¶

(2) If internationally educated, a credential evaluation that shows the following:¶

(a) Completion of a nursing education program authorized by the appropriate regulatory body;¶

(b) The course hours for theory and clinical components; and¶

(c) Equivalency to a U.S. graduate level nursing education program; or¶

(d) If the education was completed prior to January 1, 2011, equivalency to an advanced practice certification program in the same licensure type and population focus.¶

(3) Incomplete applications expire 12 months from the initial submission date.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.023, ORS 678.282, ORS 678.285, ORS 678.370, ORS 678.380, ORS 678.390, ORS 678.372

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.023, ORS 678.282, ORS 678.285, ORS 678.370, ORS 678.380, ORS 678.390, ORS 678.372

ADOPT: 851-031-0043

RULE SUMMARY: Establishes requirements for APRN prescriptive authority and dispensing.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-031-0043

Prescriptive and Dispensing Authority

(1) An individual who holds or is applying for an Oregon APRN license may apply for prescriptive authority by submitting a completed application, which includes:¶

(a) Completion of the Board's prescriptive authority application form;¶

(b) Payment of the applicable fees in OAR Chapter 851 Division 2;¶

(c) Documentation of at least 45 contact hours of pharmacology education; and¶

(d) Documentation of:¶

(A) CRNAs, clinical education in pharmacotherapeutics that includes management of clients congruent with the specialty role sought; or¶

(B) CNSs, clinical education in client management, including pharmacotherapeutics, that is comparable to requirements for completion of a nurse practitioner program; ¶

(C) NPs, clinical education in client management, including pharmacotherapeutics.¶

(2) An APRN applicant educated prior to January 1, 2011, can satisfy subsection (1)(c) and (d) of this rule by providing evidence of continuous APRN licensure, in good standing in another state or U.S. territory with full independent practice and prescriptive authority.¶

(3) An individual who holds or is applying for an Oregon CNS or NP license may apply for dispensing authority by submitting a completed application, which includes completion of the Board's dispensing authority application form.¶

(4) Prescriptive and dispensing authority expires with the APRN license. ¶

(5) Prescriptive or dispensing authority may be renewed by submitting a completed application, which includes:¶

(a) Completion of the Board's prescriptive or dispensing authority form;¶

(b) Payment of the fee in OAR Chapter 851 Division 2; and ¶

(c) Attestation that the applicant reviewed the Board's prescriptive and dispensing authority education video.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.150, ORS 678.285

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.370, ORS 678.372, ORS 678.375, ORS 678.380, ORS 678.385, ORS 678.390



AMEND: 851-031-0048

RULE SUMMARY: Updates renewal requirements.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-031-0048

Renewal of License

For renewal of licensure, the applicant must submit a fully completed application established by the Board and attest to:<sup>¶¶</sup>

(1) (a) 400 hours of nursing practice, at the level of license sought, within the two years immediately preceding renewal application. Applicants initially licensed prior to January 1, 2021, must attest to having 400 hours of practice in the previous two years by their second renewal cycle after implementation of these rules. Prior to this second renewal, the applicant may use the previously required competency hours of 960 in 5 years; or<sup>¶¶</sup>

(b) Graduation from the Board-approved Oregon, or out of state school of nursing, or international nursing program that qualified the licensee for this type of license within the two years immediately preceding renewal application; or<sup>¶¶</sup>

(c) Completing a re-entry program meeting the requirements of OAR 851-021-0080; or OAR 851-031-0065 within the two years immediately preceding application for licensure renewal.<sup>¶¶</sup>

(2) Applicants who cannot attest to 400 hours of practice in the past two years preceding application for renewal must:<sup>¶¶</sup>

(a) Have at least 600 hours of practice in the last three years. The applicant must submit documentation of 20 hours of continuing education related to their area of nursing practice; employer – required continuing education does not qualify; or<sup>¶¶</sup>

(b) Have at least 800 hours of practice in the last four years. The applicant must submit documentation of 30 hours of continuing education related to their area of practice; employer – required continuing education does not qualify.<sup>¶¶</sup>

(c) If the applicant is unable to qualify by any other option listed and has some practice but less than 960 hours of practice in the last five years, the applicant must apply for practice (1) A nursing license is valid for two years from the date it is issued. Licensees must apply for renewal by 11:59 p.m. on the date of their license expiration to be considered timely.<sup>¶¶</sup>

(2) An individual may apply for renewal before the expiration of their license by submitting a completed application, which includes:<sup>¶¶</sup>

(a) The Board's renewal application form for the license type being renewed;<sup>¶¶</sup>

(b) Payment of the applicable fees in OAR Chapter 851 Division 2;<sup>¶¶</sup>

(c) Effective January 1, 2028, completion of the CE require-ment rpers in OAR 851-031-0064.08; and<sup>¶¶</sup>

(3d) Renewal applications will not be processed until all fees have been submitted. The official time of application is per Board records. There is no grace period for licensure renewal. The licensee must submit a completed application in accordance with the timeline described in ORS 678.101. An application for renewal not completed within 30 days of expiration date is considered void, and the applicant will need to apply for license re-activation as per Completion of the state records criminal background check as defined in OAR 851-0301-0051.115.<sup>¶¶</sup>

(43) Applications received after the timeframe described in section (3) of this rule are subject to a delinquent fee of \$100 in addition to the renewal fee.<sup>¶¶</sup>

(5) Renewal applicants will be subject to a national fingerprint A license expired for more than 90 days must apply for reinstatement based criminal background check paid for by the applicant every second renewal per OAR 851-031-0006(2)(e). Renewals not requiring a fingerprint based renewal will be subject to a no cost Oregon based non-fingerprint background check performed by Board staff.<sup>¶¶</sup>

(6) All renewal applications are subject to random audit for validation of attested practice described in OAR 851-031-0051.<sup>¶¶</sup>

(4) Incomplete applications expire 12 months after submission date.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.140, ORS 678.040, ORS 678.375, ORS 678.390

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.140, ORS 678.040

AMEND: 851-031-0051

RULE SUMMARY: Clarifies provisions for reinstatement.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-031-0051

License Reactivation~~in~~statement

~~(1) Reactivation of license is required if the~~An individual whose LPN, RN, or APRN license has been expired for more than 390 calendar days.~~¶~~

~~(2) An applicant for reactivation of license must:~~¶

~~(a) Submit a fully completed application established by the Board;~~¶

~~(b) Submit fingerprints as per OAR 851-031-0006(2)(e);~~¶

~~(c) Meet the nursing practice requirement of 400 hours in the two year~~days may apply for reinstatement by submitting a completed application, which includes:¶

~~(a) The Board's preceding receipt of a completed application and if practice hours were obtained in another state other than Oregon, the applicant must arrange for primary source verification of license from the state(s) where practice hours were met. If unable to meet this requirement:~~¶

~~(A) Have at least 600 hours of practice in the last three years. The applicant must submit documentation of 20 hours of continuing education related to their area of nursing practice; employer – required continuing education does not qualify; or~~¶

~~(B) Have at least 800 hours of practice in the last four years. The applicant must submit documentation of 30 hours of continuing education related to the~~instatement application form for the license type being reinstated;¶

~~(b) Payment of the applicable fees in OAR Chapter 851 Division 2;~~¶

~~(c) Completion of a national criminal fingerprint-based background check as described in OAR 851-001-0115;~~¶

~~(d) Completion of continuing education as applicable in OAR 851-031-0008.~~¶

~~(2) An individual whose LPN, RN, or APRN license has been revoked or voluntarily surrendered is not eligible for area of practice; employer – required continuing education does not qualify; or~~¶

~~(C) If the applicant is unable to qualify by any other option listed and has some practice, but less than 960 hours of practice in the last five years, the applicant must apply for practice re-entry per OAR 851-031-0061~~instatement under this section but may apply for disciplinary reinstatement under OAR 851-031-0055.¶

~~(3) Incomplete applications expire 12 months from the initial submission date.~~

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.140, ORS 678.040, ORS 678.375, ORS 678.390

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.140, ORS 678.040

AMEND: 851-031-0052

RULE SUMMARY: Adds statutes implemented.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-031-0052

Exceptions to Rules

(1) An applicant or licensee may, request that the Board make an exception to one or more of the licensing requirements described in OAR 851-031-0006 to 851-031-0051 on a form provided by the Board. ¶

(2) The Board considers each exception request on a case-by-case basis and may grant an exception request at its discretion, except that the Board will not grant any exception to a requirement established by statute.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.150

Statutes/Other Implemented: ~~ORS 678.150~~40, ~~ORS 678.050~~, ~~ORS 678.101~~, ~~ORS 678.370-678.390~~

AMEND: 851-031-0055

RULE SUMMARY: Clarifies requirements for reinstatement post discipline.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-031-0055

License~~Disciplinary~~ Reinstatement

(1) ~~An applicant for reinstatement of license must:~~

~~(a) Apply for reinstatement eligibility based upon Board order for revocation or signed stipulation for~~  
~~volunt~~individual whose license has been revoked or voluntarily surrendered may apply for disciplinary  
reinstatement under this rule by submitting a completed application, which includes:

~~(a) The Board's disciplinary surrender and per OAR 851-001-0015.~~

~~(b) Complete and submit an application for reinstatement no sooner than three years after initiation of the~~  
~~revocation or voluntary surrender.~~

~~(c) Submit~~reinstatement application form for the license type being reinstated;

~~(b) Payment of the applicable fees in OAR Chapter 851 Division 2;~~

~~(c) Completion of a national fingerprint-based national criminal background check as per~~described in OAR 851-  
001-0115;

~~(2d) If reinstatement is awarded by the Board, the licensee or certificate holder will be required to validate~~  
~~competency through re-entry into practice as per~~Completion of the applicable continuing education as described  
in OAR 851-031-0008.

~~(2) An applicant under this rule is also subject to OAR 851-0301-00615.~~

~~(3) Incomplete applications expire 12 months after submission date.~~

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.040, ORS 678.150

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.040, ORS 678.150

REPEAL: 851-031-0061

RULE SUMMARY: Repealed as content is relocated to consolidated licensure rules.

CHANGES TO RULE:

~~851-031-0061~~

~~Application for re-entry into practice and re-entry options~~

~~Applicants that have practiced but do not have 960 hours of practice in five years and are not eligible for license renewal or re-activation through any other means, may apply for re-entry into practice. Applicants for reinstatement must select a re-entry option regardless of the number of practice hours within a timeframe.¶¶~~

~~(1) Complete an application for re-entry using the application and procedures provided by the Board; and,¶¶~~

~~(2) Complete an additional application for a limited license and attend and pass a Board approved nursing re-entry program; or,¶¶~~

~~(3) Complete an additional application for a limited license and provide documentation of an individualized re-entry plan, to be approved by the Board, as described in OAR 851-031-0065; or,¶¶~~

~~(4) Pass the NCLEX-RN® or NCLEX-PN® within one year of re-entry application. Failure to pass the NCLEX-RN® or NCLEX-PN® within one year of application will require the submittal of another completed re-entry application.~~

~~Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.040, ORS 678.140~~

~~Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.040, ORS 678.140~~

REPEAL: 851-031-0065

RULE SUMMARY: Repealed as content is relocated to consolidated licensure rules.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-031-0065

Standards for individualized re-entry plans

The applicant choosing to complete an individualized plan for re-entry must submit, in writing, the following for Board approval:¶¶

- (1) Summary of nursing education and practice with rationale for use of an individualized¶¶ plan for re-entry into nursing practice;¶¶
- (2) Anticipated timeframe for completing all required components, including acquisition/ demonstration of current knowledge and required supervised clinical practice;¶¶
- (3) Clinical competencies/outcomes to be achieved and the mechanism for evaluating¶¶ competence in nursing practice on completion of the plan;¶¶
- (4) Plan for obtaining and demonstrating knowledge/competence in nursing.¶¶
- (5) Plan for obtaining 120 hours of theory and 160 hours of clinical supervision at the¶¶ appropriate level of licensure. An additional 160 hours may be required by the Board¶¶ based upon preceptor feedback. The plan must identify:¶¶
  - (a) The agency or agencies and contact person(s) where required supervised clinical experience will be obtained. A signed contract/agreement with each agency is required. The contract/agreement must include but is not limited to:¶¶
    - (A) Learning objectives/outcomes for the re-entry experience;¶¶
    - (B) Provisions for client and re-entry nurse safety;¶¶
    - (C) Unit(s) on which the experience is to occur with the name of the preceptor on each unit, if applicable;¶¶
    - (D) A provision allowing the agency to nullify the contact/agreement in the¶¶ event of client safety issues.¶¶
  - (b) The name and credentials of the registered nurse preceptor(s). Each nurse preceptor must:¶¶
    - (A) Hold a current unencumbered registered nursing license in Oregon;¶¶
    - (B) Agree to directly supervise and evaluate the re-entry nurse;¶¶
    - (C) Have no less than two years of registered nursing experience, of which at least six months must be in the setting in which the clinical experience is to occur; and¶¶
    - (D) Be recommended by the nurse executive or immediate supervisor in that setting.¶¶
- (6) Documentation of successful completion of the individualized re-entry plan must be provided in writing, and must include:¶¶
  - (a) Completion of program objectives/outcomes;¶¶
  - (b) Completion of required supervised clinical practice hours;¶¶
  - (c) Achievement of predetermined competencies; and¶¶
  - (d) Recommendation for licensure by clinical preceptor and nurse manager.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.150

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.150, ORS 678.050, ORS 678.113

AMEND: 851-031-0085

RULE SUMMARY: Clarifies requirements for inactive status.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-031-0085

Inactive Nurse Status ¶¶

~~(1) Inactive Nurse status does not authorize nursing practice, either for compensation or as a volunteer or the use of the title "nurse". A full license to practice nursing is required to practice nursing in Oregon.~~ An individual with an LPN, RN, or APRN license may apply to place the license in inactive status by submitting a completed application, which includes:¶

~~(2a) A nurse currently licensed in good standing in Oregon may apply for Inactive Nurse status.~~ license that is active and in good standing at the time of application; and¶

~~(3b) To receive the Board's inactive Nurse status a nurse shall:¶~~

~~(a) Request inactive status; and¶~~

~~(b) Notify the Board of the reason for requesting this status; and~~ application form for the license type being inactivated.¶

~~(c) Sign a disclaimer acknowledging that a license in inactive Nurse status does not authorize the nurse to practice nursing.¶~~

~~(4) To change a license from Inactive Nurse status under the license. ¶~~

~~(3) To return to Active status, a nurse must submit a completed re-activation application with appropriate fees as per OAR 851-031-0051. If practice hour criteria, as listed in OAR 851-031-0051, the applicant will need to complete a re-entry option.~~ per individual must apply for reinstatement as defined in OAR 851-031-006155.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.021, ORS 678.031

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.021, ORS 678.031

AMEND: 851-031-0086

RULE SUMMARY: Clarifies procedures for retired status.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-031-0086

Retired Status ¶

~~(1) The Board may grant retired status to a person licensed as a RN or LPN, nurse practitioner (NP), certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA), or clinical nurse specialist (CNS). Retired status does not authorize practice. An individual may retire their LPN, RN, or APRN license by submitting a completed application, which includes: ¶~~

~~(2a) To apply for the Board's retired status, a nurse must: ¶~~

~~(a) Complete and submit an application to the Board; and ¶~~

~~(b) Surrender application form; ¶~~

~~(b) Confirmation their license which must be is in good standing with the issuing authority and not be subject to any pending disciplinary investigation or action pending; and ¶~~

~~(c) Surrendering the license being retired. ¶~~

~~(2) A license in retired status does not authorize practice under the license. ¶~~

~~(3) Incomplete applications expire 12 months from the initial submission date.~~

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.031, ORS 678.050, ORS 678.150

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.031, ORS 678.050, ORS 678.150



AMEND: 851-031-0087

RULE SUMMARY: Updates provisions for nurse emeritus.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-031-0087

Nurse Emeritus License

- (1) The nurse emeritus license permits ~~engagement in the practice of nursing in a voluntary or unpaid capacity only.~~¶
- (2) ~~General requirements for nurse emeritus licensure application. The applicant must:~~¶
- (a) ~~Hold retired licensure status from the issuing authority;~~¶
- (b) ~~Have completed two hours of cultural competency continuing education basis.~~¶
- (2) An individual with an LPN, RN, or APRN license may apply for a nurse emeritus license by submitting a completed application, within two years immediately preceding which includes:¶
- (a) The Board's nurse emeritus application; form;¶
- (b) Have completed the one-hour Oregon Pain Management Commission pain education course, or an equivalent pain management education program as determined by the Board, within 36 months immediately preceding application;¶
- (d) Attest to 12 hours of continuing nursing education in the 12 months preceding application; and¶
- (e) Submit completed application and fee Payment of the fee in OAR Chapter 851 Division 2;¶
- (c) Confirmation that the license has already been granted retired status; and¶
- (d) Completion of applicable continuing education in OAR 851-031-0008.¶
- (3) A nurse emeritus license is valid for ~~one~~two years from date of issue.¶
- (4) Incomplete applications expire 12 months from the initial submission date.
- Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.055, ORS 678.113, ORS 678.150
- Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.055, ORS 678.113, ORS 678.150