



NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 851
BOARD OF NURSING

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FILING CAPTION: Div 53 - Repealed to streamline and consolidate all nurse licensure requirements to Div 31

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 10/21/2025 5:00 PM

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: Only those registered to provide testimony will be called to present comments. To register to testify for this hearing, please contact: brandy.ritter@osbn.oregon.gov at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing and provide name, address, and affiliation (This is required per OAR 137-001-0030).

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.

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.

NEED FOR THE RULE(S)

Division 53 (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Licensure) is being repealed in its entirety to streamline and consolidate all nurse licensure requirements into Division 31. This change supports the Board's efforts to create a single, comprehensive rule set for all nursing license types (LPN, RN, APRN), improving clarity, reducing redundancy, and making it easier for licensees and stakeholders to locate and interpret licensure requirements. All pertinent provisions of Division 53 have been reviewed and incorporated into Division 31 to ensure continuity of standards and compliance with statutory authority under ORS 678.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE

ORS 678 (Oregon Nurse Practice Act) and the current text of OAR Division 53 and Division 31 (available on the Oregon Secretary of State website).

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

No effect. The repeal and relocation are administrative and organizational in nature, and do not impact access to licensure, scope of practice, or service delivery.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

None. The repeal and relocation of Division 53 content to Division 31 does not alter substantive licensure requirements or impose new obligations. The change is administrative in nature and is expected to improve efficiency without creating costs for state agencies, local governments, licensees, or other stakeholders.

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).

None. There are no new reporting, recordkeeping, administrative activities, professional service requirements, or costs related to this repeal.

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

No impact. The repeal does not create or modify any requirements that apply to small businesses.

WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

No. A Rules Advisory Committee was not convened because the changes are limited to non-substantive edits and clarifications, do not alter current practice authority, and maintain consistency with existing statutes.

RULES PROPOSED:

851-053-0005, 851-053-0010, 851-053-0015, 851-053-0020, 851-053-0025, 851-053-0030, 851-053-0035

REPEAL: 851-053-0005

RULE SUMMARY: All licensure rules have been consolidated into a single division: Division 31.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-053-0005

Application for Initial Licensure to Practice as an APRN in Oregon including those licensed in another state or country.

(1) An applicant for APRN licensure must:¶¶

(a) Submit a completed application as defined in OAR 851-006-0030(17).¶¶

(b) Hold an unencumbered registered nurse license in the State of Oregon. The RN and APRN application may be completed simultaneously, however, the RN license must be issued prior to issuing an APRN license.¶¶

(c) Abide by all licensing requirements as described on the application form.¶¶

(d) Provide primary source documentation for the following educational requirements:¶¶

(A) A Master's Degree in Nursing, or if the APRN preparation program did not offer a Master's in Nursing, a Master's Degree congruent with the licensure being applied for, or a Doctorate in Nursing. Any applicable degree in nursing must be from a program accredited by a national nursing organization recognized by the US Department of Education except for the following:¶¶

(i) For Nurse Practitioners: A Master's Degree is not required for applicants who graduated from their program prior to January 1, 1986.¶¶

(ii) For Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists: A Master's Degree is not required for applicants who graduated from their program prior to December 31, 2000.¶¶

(iii) For Clinical Nurse Specialist a Master's degree is required regardless of graduation date.¶¶

(B) For graduates of programs outside the U.S., a credentials evaluation from a Board approved credentials service that demonstrates educational equivalency to U.S. Master's in Nursing degree in alignment with OAR 851-053-0005(1)(d)(A).¶¶

(e) Have primary source evidence of advanced level course content reflecting the concepts in advanced health assessment, advanced physiology and pathophysiology, and advanced pharmacology.¶¶

(f) Applicants who graduated from an APRN program prior to the dates as noted in OAR 851-051-0020(3) will be considered for licensure without providing evidence of course content reflecting advanced pharmacology, advanced physical assessment, or advanced physiology, if:¶¶

(A) The applicant has been continuously licensed in a jurisdiction of the U.S. since initial program completion; and¶¶

(B) Has no practice discipline placed on their license since being initially awarded a license to practice in a jurisdiction of the U.S.¶¶

(g) Provide primary source verification of national certification from a national certifying body that meets the requirements of OAR 851-053-0035 that is congruent with the population foci being sought based upon the following dates:¶¶

(A) For Nurse Practitioners: As of January 1, 2011, all Oregon applicants must provide primary source evidence of national certification.¶¶

(B) For Certified Nurse Anesthetists: Primary source verification of national certification is required for all initial Oregon license applications.¶¶

(C) For Clinical Nurse Specialists: National Certification is not required for licensure.¶¶

(h) Meet practice requirements by:¶¶

(A) Applicant has 400 hours of APRN practice within their population foci within the two years preceding submission of a completed application, or;¶¶

(B) Graduated from their qualifying APRN program within the last two years, or;¶¶

(C) If it has been less than two years since completion of a Board approved re-entry program, or;¶¶

(D) Applicant has applied for re-entry per OAR 851-053-0030.¶¶

(2) Per ORS 678.050, the Board has the final authority to determine acceptable documentation of licensure requirements.¶¶

(3) Per ORS 678.111 the Board has the authority to deny license application for specific findings during the application process or if the requirements for licensure are not met. Application fees are not refundable if requirements are not met, or application is denied.¶¶

(4) The Board retains the authority to conduct a random audit of licensees. Upon request of the Board, licensee shall submit documentation of compliance.

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~~

REPEAL: 851-053-0010

RULE SUMMARY: All licensure rules have been consolidated into a single division: Division 31.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-053-0010

Prescriptive Privilege and Dispensing Authority for APRNs

(1) If applying for initial optional prescriptive privilege (PP), the applicant must show: ¶¶

- (a) Completion of initial education program within two years prior to the application date providing at least 45 contact hours of advanced pharmacology concepts; or ¶¶
- (b) Evidence of completion of a 45-hour discrete pharmacology course congruent with the licensure being sought and population foci; or ¶¶
- (c) Current prescriptive privilege in another state or U.S. jurisdiction, including a U.S. federal institution or facility. ¶¶

(2) If an APRN is renewing optional prescriptive privilege the applicant must: ¶¶

- (a) Submit a completed prescriptive privilege renewal application in accordance with ORS 678.101(5); ¶¶
- (b) Maintain active, unencumbered Oregon RN and APRN licensure; ¶¶
- (c) Attest to completion of the online Prescription and Dispensing Authority in Oregon interactive video located on the OSBN website. ¶¶

(3) If an APRN has previously been issued prescriptive privilege that has been expired for more than 30 days that they wish to reactivate, the applicant must: ¶¶

- (a) Submit a completed application per OAR 851-006-0030(17); ¶¶
- (b) An APRN must have an active unencumbered RN and APRN license prior to their prescriptive privilege being reactivated; ¶¶
- (c) Attest to completion of the online Prescription and Dispensing Authority in Oregon interactive video located on the OSBN website ¶¶

(4) An APRN who provides greater than a 72-hour supply of prepackaged medications to clients is required to apply for and be issued dispensing privileges in Oregon. Dispensing privilege is separate from an APRN's prescriptive privilege and is noted as such on their APRN license verification. ¶¶

(5) An APRN may obtain dispensing privilege by submitting a completed application as defined in OAR 851-006-0030(17) to the Board. This application may be submitted at the time of initial application or whenever dispensing privileges are required. Dispensing privileges are renewed, if still needed by the practitioner, at the same time as the APRN license.

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

REPEAL: 851-053-0015

RULE SUMMARY: All licensure rules have been consolidated into a single division: Division 31.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-053-0015

License Renewal

An APRN may submit a completed application as defined in OAR 006-0030(17) to renew their license to practice if:¶¶

(1) APRN practice hours count towards RN license renewal, however, practice hours at the RN level cannot be used towards APRN renewal. RN and APRN license renewals may be submitted simultaneously. All completed applications must be timely in accordance with ORS 678.101; an Oregon unencumbered RN license must be active in order to renew APRN licensure; and¶¶

(2) The APRN meets one of the following qualifications:¶¶

(a) Practiced 400 hours at the APRN level in the two years preceding the submission of a completed renewal application; or¶¶

(b) Is within two years of graduation of initial APRN education program; or¶¶

(c) Is within two years of completion of a Board approved re-entry program; or ¶¶

(d) If the APRN applicant cannot attest to the above renewal criteria, they must apply for reactivation by re-entry.¶¶

(3) Has maintained active national certification:¶¶

(a) For NPs and CRNAs, active national certification in each area of advanced practice congruent with license type and population foci per OAR 851-053-0005(1)(g) is required for licensure. ¶¶

(b) For those NPs initially licensed in Oregon prior to January 1, 2011, national certification is not required for renewal, instead the Board requires a minimum of 45 hours of continuing education in the population foci.¶¶

(c) National certification is not required for CNS licensure.¶¶

(4) Completed renewal applications received after the timeframe described in ORS 678.101 will be subject to a delinquent fee for both the RN and APRN license separately. There is no grace period for license renewal.

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

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

REPEAL: 851-053-0020

RULE SUMMARY: All licensure rules have been consolidated into a single division: Division 31.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-053-0020

License Reactivation

(1) An APRN whose license has expired more than 30 days from the timeframe outlined in ORS 678.101 are subject to the reactivation process. An APRN must have an active unencumbered RN license prior to their APRN license being reactivated. An applicant must:¶¶

(a) Submit a completed application as defined in OAR 851-006-0030(17) for APRN re-activation;¶¶

(b) Submit a fingerprint-based national criminal background check as described in OAR 851-001-0115;¶¶

(c) Verify their practice meets the criteria of at least 400 hours within the two years from the date of application submission;¶¶

(d) Has maintained active national certification;¶¶

(A) For NPs and CRNAs, active national certification in each area of advanced practice congruent with license type and population foci per OAR 851-053-0005(1)(g) is required for licensure.¶¶

(B) For those NPs initially licensed in Oregon prior to January 1, 2011, national certification is not required for renewal, instead the Board requires a minimum of 45 hours of continuing education in the population foci.¶¶

(C) National certification is not required for CNS licensure.¶¶

(e) Meet any other licensing criteria as defined by the Board.¶¶

(2) If the applicant cannot attest to the above criteria, the applicant must apply for re-entry as an APRN.¶¶

(3) A licensee who has practiced in Oregon with a license that has been expired more than 30 days must also be subject to a civil penalty for practicing nursing in Oregon without a license.

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

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

REPEAL: 851-053-0025

RULE SUMMARY: All licensure rules have been consolidated into a single division: Division 31.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-053-0025

License Reinstatement

(1) Reinstatement is required for Board ordered revocation or stipulated agreement for voluntary surrender of nursing licensure.¶¶

(2) Reinstatement of an APRN license requires prior reinstatement of the RN license if it was also subject to a Board ordered revocation or a stipulated agreement for voluntary surrender per OAR 851-031-0055.¶¶

(3) An applicant for reinstatement of an APRN license must:¶¶

(a) Apply for reinstatement eligibility based upon Board order for revocation or signed stipulation for voluntary surrender and per OAR 851-001-0015;¶¶

(b) Submit a completed application as defined in OAR 851-006-0030(17) for reinstatement no sooner than three years after initiation of the revocation or voluntary surrender of the APRN license. Applications received prior to the three-year anniversary date of the order or stipulation will not be accepted; and¶¶

(c) Submit a fingerprint-based national criminal background check as described in OAR 851-001-0115.¶¶

(4) After receipt of all required licensing documentation, the reinstatement application must be forwarded to the investigations department and assigned to a Board Investigator. Once the investigation is complete, a report will be submitted to the Board for consideration to grant or deny reinstatement.¶¶

(5) If reinstatement is awarded by the Board; the APRN will be required to validate competency for practice through re-entry into practice as per OAR 851-053-0030 prior to the APRN license being made active.

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

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

REPEAL: 851-053-0030

RULE SUMMARY: All licensure rules have been consolidated into a single division: Division 31.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-053-0030

Re-Entry into Practice

If an applicant cannot verify 400 hours of practice in the preceding two years at the level of licensure sought, in Oregon or in any other U.S. state, jurisdiction, or foreign country then an applicant must apply for re-entry into practice.¶¶

(1) The applicant must submit the completed application as defined in OAR 851-006-0030(17).¶¶

(2) The applicant must hold an active, unencumbered Oregon RN license. If applicable, the RN reentry process must be completed prior to beginning the APRN re-entry process and must not be done simultaneously. Re-entry into APRN practice is a self-defined Board approved process wholly dependent on the applicant for implementation.¶¶

(3) APRN re-entry applicants will submit evidence of:¶¶

(a) For CNSs without national certification 100 hours of structured continuing education completed prior to being awarded their APRN license. Continuing Education (CE) hours must include an advanced pharmacology course meeting the criteria in OAR 851-053-0005(3). Remaining hours of continuing education shall consist of physical assessment, treatment modalities, patient management and laboratory/diagnostic studies with content related to the licensure sought.¶¶

(b) For an NP and CRNA, active national certification in each area of advanced practice congruent with license type and population foci per OAR 851-053-0005(1)(g) is required for licensure.¶¶

(4) Documentation of all CE activities must be submitted to Board staff for approval prior to an APRN license being issued.¶¶

(5) The Board is the final approval authority for re-entry documentation.

Statutory/Other Authority: ~~ORS 678.282, ORS 678.370, ORS 678.372, ORS 678.380, ORS 678.290, ORS 678.285, ORS 678.023~~

Statutes/Other Implemented: ~~ORS 678.282, ORS 678.370, ORS 678.372, ORS 678.380, ORS 678.290, ORS 678.285, ORS 678.023~~

REPEAL: 851-053-0035

RULE SUMMARY: All licensure rules have been consolidated into a single division: Division 31.

CHANGES TO RULE:

~~851-053-0035~~

~~Criteria for Board Recognition of National Certification Exams and Certifications~~

~~(1) The Board or their approved staff delegate(s) must determine whether a national certification examination may be used to fulfill the requirement for licensure based on the following requirements:¶¶~~

~~(a) The certifying program is accredited by the National Commission on Certifying Agencies or the American Board of Nursing Specialties;¶¶~~

~~(b) The certifying program provides primary source verification of individual practitioner certification through electronic means or other methods approved by the Board.¶¶~~

~~(2) The Board will maintain a list of accepted certifying programs that will be visible on the OSBN website. A program that is not on the list is not recognized as issuing a qualified certification.~~

~~Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.150, ORS 678.255, ORS 678.265, ORS 678.275, ORS 678.278, ORS 678.282, ORS 678.370, ORS 678.380, ORS 678.390~~

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