Change Advisory: NPA Update to Division 62

Details

On January 1, 2026, amended Chapter 851 Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Division 62 Standards for Certification of the Nursing Assistant (CNA) and Medication Aide go into effect. Amendments made align the OARs with the requirements of HB 3044 (2025) and standardize application processes. These amendments will impact all certification applicants.

This Change Advisory is for informational purposes only. Readers are encouraged to access OAR 851-062 directly at www.oregon.gov/osbn/Pages/laws-rules.

Summary

Division 62		
Rule Number	**Pre 2026 Rule Summary**	**Jan. 1, 2026, Updates**
062-0050 (Amend)	**CNA Certification Eligibility** • Established certification application and eligibility requirements.	**Initial Nursing Assistant (NA) Certification Eligibility** • Clarifies application requirements. • For NA applicants from other states or US territories, removes the 400-hour work requirement for two years preceding application.
062-0070 (Amend)	**Renewal of CNA Certification** • 400 paid work hours in CNA role. • CNA may renew up to **30 days** post certificate expiration date.	**Renewal of CNA Certification** • Removes requirement for 400 paid work hours in CNA role. • CNA may renew up to **90 days** past certificate expiration date. • Requires continuing education (CE) as stated in OAR 851-062-0070.
062-0071 (Amend)	**Reactivation of CNA Certification** • Established requirements for applicants whose certificate has expired 31 days to 2 years. • Established requirements for applicants whose certificate has expired by more than 2 years, including 400 hours paid work in CNA role in another state or jurisdiction with active CNA certificate.	**Reinstatement of CNA Certification** • Replaces term “reactivation” with “reinstatement.” • Applies to applicants who have a certificate that has been expired for more than 90 days. • Removes requirement for 400 paid work hours in CNA role. • Requires continuing education (CE) as stated in OAR 851-062-0070.
062-0075 (Amend)	**CNA Reinstatement** • Meet Board conditions. • Complete Board-approved nursing assistant training program.	**CNA Disciplinary Reinstatement** • Replaces the term “reinstatement” with “disciplinary reinstatement.” • Eligibility is based upon Board order for revocation or voluntary surrender.

	• Pass competency exam within 1 year (unlimited attempts).	• Completion of NA training program. • Pass Board-approved examination after submission of application.
062-0090 (Amend)	**CMA Certification Eligibility** • Established requirements for certified medication aide (CMA) certification.	**CMA Certification Eligibility** • Application requirements for CMA consolidated and simplified.
062-0110 (Amend)	**Renewal of CMA Certification** • Established requirements for CMA certification renewal.	**Renewal of CMA Certification** • Removes requirement for 400 paid work hours in CMA role. • CMA may renew up to 90 days past certificate expiration date.
062-0114 (Amend)	**Reactivation of CMA Certification** • Established requirements for CMA certification reactivation.	**Reinstatement of CMA Certification** • Replaces the term "reactivation" with "reinstatement." • Establishes reinstatement requirements for applicants whose certificate has expired more than 90 days.
062-0116 (Amend)	**CMA Reinstatement** • Meet terms and conditions of Board order. • Complete Board-approved medication aide training program. • Pass competency exam within 1 year (unlimited attempts).	**CMA Disciplinary Reinstatement** • Replaces the term "reinstatement" with "disciplinary reinstatement." • Eligibility is based on Board order for revocation or voluntary surrender. • Complete MA training program following revocation or surrender. • Pass Board-approved MA competency exam after submission of application.