

Kansas Administrative Regulations

State Board of Nursing

Article 3.—Requirements for Licensure and Standards of Practice

60-3-101. Licensure.

(a) Licensure by examination pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1115 and K.S.A. 65-1116, and amendments thereto.

(1) Not later than 30 days before the examination date, each applicant for licensure by examination shall file with the board a completed application on a form adopted by the board and pay the application fee prescribed by K.A.R. 60-4-101.

(2) Each applicant shall be fingerprinted and submit to a state and national criminal history record check.

(3) Each applicant for nursing licensure shall take and be required to pass the examination prepared by the national council of state boards of nursing. The examination fee shall be paid as directed by the national council of state boards of nursing.

(4) Within 180 days after the board's receipt of the application, each applicant for licensure by examination shall submit proof that all qualifications for licensure have been met. If the applicant does not meet this requirement, the application shall be deemed abandoned and closed.

(b) Licensure by endorsement pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1115 and K.S.A. 65-1116, and amendments thereto.

(1) Each applicant for licensure by endorsement shall file with the board a completed application on a form approved by the board and pay the application fee prescribed by K.A.R. 60-4-101.

(2) Each applicant shall be fingerprinted and submit to a state and national criminal history record check.

(3) Each applicant shall submit proof showing that all requirements for licensure by endorsement pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1115 or K.S.A. 65-1116, and amendments thereto, have been met.

(4) Within 180 days after the board's receipt of the application, each applicant for licensure by endorsement shall submit proof that all qualifications for licensure by endorsement have been met. If the applicant does not meet this requirement, the application shall be deemed abandoned and closed.

(c) Information regarding examinations.

(1) The examination for licensure shall be administered at sites designated by the national council of state boards of nursing.

(2) Each applicant shall present the required documentation in order to be admitted to the examination center.

(3) Each applicant cheating or attempting to cheat during the examination shall be deemed not to have passed the examination.

(4) If the answer key is lost or destroyed through circumstances beyond the control of the national council of state boards of nursing, the applicant shall be required to retake the examination in order to meet requirements for licensure.

(5) Individual examination results shall be released to the school from which the applicant graduated.

(6) Each applicant requesting modifications to the examination procedures or materials because of a disability shall provide written documentation from the appropriate medical professional confirming the disability, an evaluation completed within the last five years by a disabilities evaluation team, and a letter from the nursing program confirming learning and testing modifications made during the course of study.

(d) Application for reexamination. Any applicant who fails to make a passing score on the licensure examination may retake the examination. The applicant shall pay an examination fee as directed by the national council of state boards of nursing for each retest.

(e) Verification of current Kansas license. Verification of a current Kansas license shall be provided to other state boards upon the applicant's request and payment of the fee prescribed by K.A.R. 60-4-101.

(f) Licensure for endorsement pursuant to K.S.A. 48-3406, and amendments thereto.

(1) "Active practice" shall mean that in a calendar year, the applicant worked for at least 1,000 hours in the "scope of practice" for which licensure is sought.

(2) "Similar scope of practice" shall mean the "practice of nursing," as defined in K.S.A. 65-1113 and amendments thereto.

(g) Temporary emergency license. Each applicant for a temporary emergency license shall submit an application on a form adopted by the board to practice nursing during a state of emergency declared by the legislature and submit proof that either of the following qualifications for licensure has been met:

(1) For licensure as a registered professional nurse, the applicant is currently licensed or has been licensed as a registered professional nurse by a state licensing board within the five years preceding the application date, passed a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for humans, has a current CPR certificate, and has the skills required to practice registered professional nursing during the state of emergency declared by the legislature.

(2) For licensure as a licensed practical nurse, the applicant is currently licensed or has been licensed as a licensed practical nurse by a state licensing board within the five years preceding the application date, passed a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for humans, has a current CPR certificate, and has the skills required to practice licensed practical nursing during the state of emergency declared by the legislature.

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