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54-02-05-01. Residency or employment requirement.

Repealed effective June 1, 2001.

54-02-05-02. Renewal dates.

Nursing licenses will be valid for two calendar years and will be subject to renewal before December thirty-first of the second year. Applicants for initial licensure by endorsement or examination shall receive a license expiring on December thirty-first of the following licensure year as a part of the application fee. Failure to receive the renewal notification does not relieve the licensee of the obligation to renew the license by the expiration date.

History: Amended effective November 1, 1990; April 1, 2004; April 1, 2014.
General Authority: NDCC 43-12.1-08
Law Implemented: NDCC 43-12.1-10(1)

54-02-05-03. Renewal fees.

The nonrefundable renewal fee for the registered nurse license will be one hundred forty dollars. The nonrefundable renewal fee for the practical nurse license will be one hundred thirty dollars.

History: Amended effective November 1, 1979; July 1, 1987; November 1, 1990; June 1, 2001; June 1, 2002; October 1, 2012; July 1, 2020.
General Authority: NDCC 43-12.1-08(2)(d)(k)
Law Implemented: NDCC 43-12.1-10(1)

54-02-05-04. Late renewal fee.

Repealed effective July 1, 2020.

54-02-05-05. Nonpracticing nurses.

Any nurse who has not actively practiced nursing in North Dakota for four years or more must meet the following requirements before a license to practice is issued:

1. Complete the reactivation application.
2. Submit the current reactivation fee.
3. Certify on the application one of the following:

a. Practice as a licensed registered nurse or licensed practical nurse which meets or exceeds four hundred hours within the preceding four years in another jurisdiction.

b. Completion of a refresher course in nursing, in accordance with board guidelines, within the preceding year.

c. Successful completion of a clinical nursing course in a board-recognized nursing program to further nursing education.

d. Other evidence the licensee wishes to submit which would provide proof of nursing competence.

History: Amended effective June 1, 1982; May 1, 1996; February 1, 1998; April 1, 2004; April 1, 2014.
General Authority: NDCC 43-12.1-08
Law Implemented: NDCC 43-12.1-08(1)

54-02-05-05.1. Practice requirements for relicensure.

Nursing practice for purposes of renewal must meet or exceed four hundred hours within the preceding four years. Nursing is defined in subsection 5 of North Dakota Century Code section 43-12.1-02. Hours practiced in another regulated profession cannot be used for nursing practice hours.

History: Effective July 1, 1987; amended effective November 1, 1990; September 1, 1994; May 1, 1996; May 1, 2003; April 1, 2004; April 1, 2014.
General Authority: NDCC 43-12.1-08
Law Implemented: NDCC 43-12.1-08(1)

54-02-05-05.2. Limited license.

The board may initiate the issuance of a limited license when good cause exists to do so.

History: Effective July 1, 2008.
General Authority: NDCC 43-12.1-08
Law Implemented: NDCC 43-12.1-08(f)

54-02-05-06. Reactivating a license.

A nurse previously licensed in North Dakota who applies for reactivation must meet board requirements and includes the following:

1. Complete the application and submit to a criminal history record check according to section 54-02-12-01;

2. Pay the nonrefundable renewal fee and fifty dollar reactivation fee; and

3. Meet the requirements in section 54-02-05-05.1, practice requirements for license renewal, and section 54-02-05-08, continuing education requirement for license renewal; or

4. Submit other evidence which would provide proof of nursing competence acceptable to the board.

History: Amended effective June 1, 1982; June 1, 2002; April 1, 2004; July 1, 2008; July 1, 2020.
General Authority: NDCC 12-60-24(1)(o), 43-12.1-08
Law Implemented: NDCC 43-12.1-09.1, 43-12.1-10(1)

54-02-05-07. Encumbered license.

Repealed effective April 1, 2004.

54-02-05-08. Continuing education requirement for relicensure.

1. Continuing education for purposes of relicensure must be approved or recognized by the board and must meet or exceed twelve contact hours within the preceding two years.

2. All information concerning continuing education submitted with a renewal application is subject to audit. Upon request of the board, the licensee shall submit verification of successful completion of the required continuing education.

3. A licensee who does not meet the continuing education requirements for renewal or fails to provide verification of completion of the required continuing education will be ineligible for renewal and may be subject to grounds for disciplinary action.

4. A licensee who earns in excess of the number of contact hours of continuing education required during a reporting period shall not apply the excess hours to satisfy future continuing education requirements.

5. Continuing education that is required by the board pursuant to a board order shall not be accepted by the board to satisfy or partially satisfy the continuing education requirements for license renewal.

History: Effective April 1, 2004; amended effective April 1, 2014.
General Authority: NDCC 43-12.1-08
Law Implemented: NDCC 43-12.1-08(2)(n)