

PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR INACTIVE LICENSURE

Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing

18VAC90-20-225. Inactive licensure.

A. A registered nurse or licensed practical nurse who holds a current, unrestricted license in Virginia may, upon a request on the renewal application and submission of the required fee, be issued an inactive license. The holder of an inactive license shall not be entitled to practice nursing in Virginia but may use the title “registered nurse” or “licensed practical nurse”.

B. Reactivation of an inactive license.

1. A nurse whose license is inactive may reactivate within one renewal period by payment of the difference between the inactive renewal and the active renewal fee.

2. A nurse whose license has been inactive for more than one renewal period may reactivate by payment of the difference between the inactive renewal and the active renewal fee and providing evidence of completion of 15 hours of continuing education in nursing approved by a regionally accredited educational institution or professional nursing organization or of passage of National Council Licensing Examination during the period in which the license has been inactive.

3. The board may waive all or part of the continuing education requirement for a nurse who holds a current, unrestricted license in another state and who has engaged in active practice during the period the Virginia license was inactive.

4. The board may request additional evidence that the nurse is prepared to resume practice in a competent manner.

Regulations for the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners

18VAC90-30-80. Qualifications for initial licensure.

A. An applicant for initial licensure as a nurse practitioner shall:

1. ~~Be currently licensed~~ Hold a current, active license as a registered nurse in Virginia or hold a current multistate licensure privilege as a registered nurse;

2. Submit evidence of a graduate degree in nursing or in the appropriate nurse practitioner specialty from an educational program designed to prepare nurse practitioners that is an approved program as defined in 18VAC90-30-10;

3. Submit evidence of professional certification that is consistent with the specialty area of the applicant’s educational preparation issued by an agency accepted by the boards as identified in 18VAC90-30-90;

4. File the required application; and

5. Pay the application fee prescribed in 18VAC90-30-50.

B. Provisional licensure may be granted to an applicant who satisfies all requirements of this section with the exception of subdivision A 3 of this section only until the release of the results of the first national certifying examination for which he is eligible following his application.

18VAC90-30-160. Prohibited practice.

Practice as a licensed nurse practitioner shall be prohibited if:

1. The license has lapsed; or
2. The license as a registered nurse is lapsed, inactive, revoked or suspended.