Title 30: Professions and Occupations

Part 2810: Examinations and Licensure

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A. Complete a role delineation course approved by the board;
B. Comply with criminal background checks and fingerprinting in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-21 (l);
C. Submit an official transcript documenting graduation from a RN education program.
D. Submit application to take the NCLEX-PN examination and pay the required nonrefundable fee.
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Rule 2.1 Temporary Practice Permits

The Board may issue a temporary practice permit to an applicant for licensure who has submitted a completed application and required fee and who meets the requirements established by the Board for issuance of a temporary practice permit.

A. A temporary practice permit may be issued to an applicant seeking licensure by examination, endorsement, or other licensure pathway authorized by the Mississippi Nursing Practice Law and regulations of the Board.

B. A person practicing under a temporary practice permit shall practice only within the scope and subject to the conditions established by the Board.

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Rule 2.2 Endorsement of Licensees from Other States or Territories. Graduates of state approved or accredited programs who are licensed in another state or territory of the United States shall be eligible for licensure by endorsement in Mississippi, providing the educational requirements prevailing in other jurisdictions are substantially equivalent to those in Mississippi at the time of the applicant's graduation and providing the applicant has met the Mississippi minimum passing standard on the licensure examination.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §§73-15-17, 73-15-19, & 75-15-21 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 2.3 Temporary Permits for Endorsement Applicants. A temporary permit to practice nursing for a 90-day period may be issued to applicants for licensure by endorsement upon submission of application and fee. Temporary permits may be renewed by the board in extraordinary situations. A fee may be required.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 2.3 Requirements for Licensure by Endorsement.

A. Registered nurse applicants shall:

1) Submit official transcript of graduation from an approved or accredited RN nursing program;
2) Comply with criminal background checks and fingerprinting requirements in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-19 (l);
3) Submit official evidence of licensure by examination and passing scores or results equivalent to or above those in effect in Mississippi at the time the applicant was initially licensed;
4) Submit proof of current licensure in another state or territory or evidence of eligibility for reinstatement of licensure in a compact state if that compact state were the applicant's primary state of residence; and
5) Submit required nonrefundable licensure fee and completed application for endorsement.

B. Licensed practical nurse applicants shall:

I) Submit official transcript of graduation from an approved or accredited LPN nursing program;
2) Comply with criminal background checks and fingerprinting requirements in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-21 (I);
3) Submit official evidence of licensure by examination and passing scores or results equivalent to or above those in effect in Mississippi at the time the applicant was initially licensed;
4) Submit proof of current licensure in another state or territory or evidence of eligibility for reinstatement of licensure in a compact state if that compact state were the applicant's primary state of residence; and
5) Submit required nonrefundable licensure fee and completed application for endorsement.

C. Equivalency applicants, graduates of RN programs who are applying for endorsement as LPNs, shall.

I) Submit official evidence of graduation from an approved or accredited RN nursing program;

2) Comply with criminal background checks and fingerprinting requirements in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-21 (l);

3) Submit official evidence of licensure by examination and passing scores or results equivalent to or above those in effect in Mississippi at the time the applicant was initially licensed;

4) Submit proof of current licensure in another state or territory or evidence of eligibility for reinstatement of licensure in a compact state if that compact state were the applicant's primary state of residence; and

5) Submit required nonrefundable licensure fee and completed application for endorsement.

6) Complete a role delineation course approved by the board.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. 73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Part 2810 Chapter 3: Licensure of Applicants from Countries outside the State and Territories of the United States

Rule 3.1 RN Licensure by Examination for Applicants from Countries outside the States and Territories of the United States. Applicants for RN licensure by examination shall:

A. Comply with criminal background checks and fingerprinting requirements in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-19 (l);

B. Present evidence of competence in English related to nursing, provided the first language is not English;

C. Present evidence of meeting immigration requirements;

D. Submit evidence of certification issued by a Board-approved credential evaluation provider;

E. Present written official evidence of completion of a board-approved nursing program preparing RNs. The transcript must be in English or a certified translation;

F. Submit application to take the examination and pay the nonrefundable fees;

G. Be required to pass NCLEX-RN or its successor examination by obtaining a passing score or results equivalent to or above those in effect in Mississippi at the time the applicant was initially licensed;

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. 73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 3.2 RN Licensure by Endorsement for Applicants from Countries outside the States and Territories of the United States. Applicants for RN licensure by endorsement shall:

A. Comply with criminal background checks and fingerprinting requirements in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-19(1);

B. Submit proof of current licensure in another state or territory or evidence of eligibility for reinstatement of licensure in a compact state if that compact state were the applicant's primary state of residence;
C. Present written official evidence of completion of a board-approved nursing program preparing RNs. The transcript must be in English or a certified translation;
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E. Submit applications for endorsement and pay the nonrefundable fees;
F. Present official evidence of licensure by examination and passing scores or results equivalent to or above those in effect in Mississippi at the time the applicant was initially licensed; and
G. Be permitted to apply for a temporary permit and may be issued such permit upon the acceptance of the application and payment of the required fee.

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Rule 3.3 LPN Licensure by Examination for Applicants from Countries outside the States and Territories of the United States. Applicants for LPN licensure by examination shall:

A. Comply with criminal background checks and fingerprinting requirements in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-21 (l);
B. Present evidence of competence in English related to nursing, provided the first language is not English;
C. Present evidence of meeting immigration requirements;
D. Submit evidence of certification issued by a Board-approved credential evaluation provider;
E. Present written official evidence of a board-approved nursing program preparing LPNs. The transcript must be in English or a certified translation;
F. Submit application to take the examination and pay the required nonrefundable fees; and
G. Be required to pass NCLEX-PN or its successor examination by obtaining a passing score or result equivalent to or above those in effect in Mississippi at the time the applicant was initially licensed.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 3.4 LPN Licensure by Endorsement for Applicants from Countries outside the States and Territories of the United States. Applicants for LPN licensure by endorsement shall:

A. Comply with criminal background checks and fingerprinting requirements in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-21 (l);
B. Submit proof of current licensure in another state or territory or evidence of eligibility for reinstatement of licensure in a compact state if that compact state were the applicant's primary state of residence;

C. Present written official evidence of completion of a board-approved nursing program preparing LPNs. The transcript shall be in the English language or a certified translation;
D. Submit application for endorsement and pay the nonrefundable fees;
E. Present official evidence of licensure by examination and passing scores or results equivalent to or above those in effect in Mississippi at the time the applicant was initially licensed; and
F. Be permitted to apply for a temporary permit and may be issued such permit upon acceptance of the application and payment of the required fee.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Part 2810 Chapter 4: Renewal and Reinstatement of Licenses

Rule 4.1 Active Biennial Renewal: Biennial renewal of active license:

A. Registered Nurses:

The license shall be valid for two (2) calendar years beginning January 1 of each uneven-numbered year and expiring December 31 of each even-numbered year.

B. Licensed Practical Nurses:

The license shall be valid for two (2) calendar years, beginning January I of each even-numbered year and expiring December 31 of each uneven-numbered year.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 4.2 Publication of Notification of Renewal. Notification of renewal shall be published on or before November 1 of the year in which the license expires.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 4.3 Online Renewal. Renewal and payment shall be completed online through the board's website on or before December 31 of the year in which the license expires. Information on the application shall be subject to verification by the board.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 4.4 Definition of Active Licensure. Active licensure means the practice of nursing as defined in Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-5 (2) and (5).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 4.5 Inactive Licensure. Inactive licensure means the state of licensure granted at the discretion of the board to persons not engaged in the active practice of nursing but desiring to maintain licensure.

A. Any person practicing as a RN or LPN during the time the nurse holds inactive licensure shall be considered to be practicing illegally and shall be subject to disciplinary action by the board.

B. The only title which may be used by a person with inactive licensure is 'RN-I" or "LPN-I", as appropriate, with "I", meaning inactive as defined in the Mississippi Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations.

C. In order to be considered for inactive licensure a person shall submit a written request to the board. Upon completion of the appropriate application and fee, inactive licensure may be conferred at the discretion of the board.

D. Inactive licensure shall not be granted to a person during the pendency of disciplinary proceedings against that person.

E. Licensees holding inactive licensure may apply for reinstatement of active licensure. Upon completion of the reinstatement process and pursuant to all other provisions of Part 2810, the board may reinstate active licensure.

F. Inactive licensure may be reinstated to active licensure pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-27 (a) (v) and (b) (v) and Mississippi Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations, Part 2810, Chapter 4.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 4.6 Lapsed Licensure.

A. Any person practicing as a RN or LPN during the time the license has lapsed shall be considered to be practicing illegally and is subject to disciplinary action by the board.

B. Any RN or LPN who allows the license to lapse by failing to renew the license as provided above may be reinstated by the board on satisfactory explanation for such failure to renew and upon payment of the required reinstatement fee and renewal

C. A lapsed license may be reinstated pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-27 (a) (v) and (b) (v) and Mississippi Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations, Part 2810, Chapter 4.

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Rule 4.7 Evidence of Continuing Basic Nursing Competencies.

A. Any RN or LPN applying for a license (including endorsement), renewal of an active license, reinstatement of a lapsed license or change from inactive to active status must submit evidence of continuing basic nursing competencies when such nurse has not practiced nursing for compensation or performed the function of a RN or LPN in a voluntary capacity with or without compensation within the five (5) year period immediately prior to such application for a license, renewal, reinstatement or change of status.

B. Evidence of continuing basic nursing competencies shall include submission of written documentation of one of the following:

1) Successful completion of a board-approved Reorientation Program for RNs or LPNs within the five (5) year period immediately prior to such application for renewal or reinstatement of the nursing license. The board may issue a temporary permit to any nurse during the time enrolled in a board-approved nursing reorientation program upon submission of required application and fees;

2) Completion of twenty contact hours of continuing education directly related to nursing practice within the two (2) year period immediately prior to such application for renewal or reinstatement of the nursing license. Acceptable continuing education offerings are those which are currently approved, accredited, provided, or offered by a recognized credentialing agency;

3) Successful completion of a minimum of three (3) semester hours of nursing credit offered by a nursing education program within the two (2) year period immediately prior to such application for renewal or reinstatement of the nursing license. An acceptable nursing program is one which is approved or accredited by the appropriate agency within the state.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 4.8 Change of Name and/or Address.

A. The licensee shall supply evidence of name change, i.e., copies of court records, marriage certificate, etc., in order for any official change to be made on records. B. The licensee shall keep the board informed in writing as to change in address.

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A. The licensee shall report any lost or stolen license, temporary permit, or certification card with complete identifying information.

B. Upon receipt of information surrounding the loss or theft of the license, temporary permit, or certification card and receipt of required fee, the board will issue a duplicate document.

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Part 2810 Chapter 5: Disaster Relief Permits

Rule 5.1 Permits Issued during Public Health Emergency. The board may issue disaster relief permits to an individual to practice as a registered nurse, advance practice nurse, or licensed practical nurse to provide gratuitous nursing service in the state of Mississippi during a public health emergency, and for such periods thereafter as approved by the board provided such individual:

A. Holds a current unrestricted license in good standing issued by the licensing authority of another state to practice as an advanced practice nurse, registered nurse, or licensed practical nurse;

B. Submit to the board:

1) picture identification;

2) proof of current licensure in another state; and

3) a completed disaster permit affidavit.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 5.2 Terms of Issuance. A disaster relief permit may be issued upon such terms, conditions, limitations or restrictions as to time, place, nature, and scope of practice as determined by the board.

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Rule 5.4 Termination of Permit. A disaster relief permit shall be recalled if allegations of acts or omissions which constitute grounds for disciplinary action as defined in Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-29.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Part 2810 Chapter 6: Camp Nurses

Rule 6.1 Permits for Camp Nurses. The board, pursuant to the Miss. Code Ann. Section 75-74-8, may issue a ninety (90) day temporary license to practice nursing at a youth camp to qualified applicants upon receipt of a completed application and fee.

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Part 2810 Chapter 7: Penalty for Presentation of Bad Checks

Rule 7.1 Penalty for Bad Checks. A fee as established by Miss. Code Ann. Section 97-19-5 shall be assessed to any individual who presents a check that is later dishonored by the bank. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order within fifteen (15) days of notification by certified mail of the returned check. Such fees shall be in addition to the amount due. Licenses or temporary permits obtained by payment of a bad check shall be considered invalid until full payment has been made.

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E. The Board may deny, suspend, revoke, or terminate a temporary practice permit when the applicant fails to satisfy the requirements for licensure, provides false or misleading information, or otherwise becomes ineligible for licensure under the Mississippi Nursing Practice Law.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §§73-15-17, 73-15-19, & 73-15-21 (1972, as amended)*

Rule 2.~~1~~2 Endorsement of Licensees from Other States or Territories. Graduates of state approved or accredited programs who are licensed in another state or territory of the United States shall be eligible for licensure by endorsement in Mississippi, providing the educational requirements prevailing in other jurisdictions are substantially equivalent to those in Mississippi at the time of the applicant's graduation and providing the applicant has met the Mississippi minimum passing standard on the licensure examination.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 2.~~2~~3 Temporary Permits for Endorsement Applicants. A temporary permit to practice nursing for a 90-day period may be issued to applicants for licensure by endorsement upon submission of application and fee. Temporary permits may be renewed by the board in extraordinary situations. A fee may be required.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 2.~~3~~4 Requirements for Licensure by Endorsement.

A. Registered nurse applicants shall:

6) Submit official transcript of graduation from an approved or accredited RN nursing program;

7) Comply with criminal background checks and fingerprinting requirements in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-19 (l);

8) Submit official evidence of licensure by examination and passing scores or results equivalent to or above those in effect in Mississippi at the time the applicant was initially licensed;

9) Submit proof of current licensure in another state or territory or evidence of eligibility for reinstatement of licensure in a compact state if that compact state were the applicant's primary state of residence; and

10) Submit required nonrefundable licensure fee and completed application for endorsement.

D. Licensed practical nurse applicants shall:

I) Submit official transcript of graduation from an approved or accredited LPN nursing program;

6) Comply with criminal background checks and fingerprinting requirements in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-21 (I);

7) Submit official evidence of licensure by examination and passing scores or results equivalent to or above those in effect in Mississippi at the time the applicant was initially licensed;

8) Submit proof of current licensure in another state or territory or evidence of eligibility for reinstatement of licensure in a compact state if that compact state were the applicant's primary state of residence; and

9) Submit required nonrefundable licensure fee and completed application for endorsement.

E. Equivalency applicants, graduates of RN programs who are applying for endorsement as LPNs, shall.

I) Submit official evidence of graduation from an approved or accredited RN nursing program;

7) Comply with criminal background checks and fingerprinting requirements in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-21 (l);

8) Submit official evidence of licensure by examination and passing scores or results equivalent to or above those in effect in Mississippi at the time the applicant was initially licensed;

9) Submit proof of current licensure in another state or territory or evidence of eligibility for reinstatement of licensure in a compact state if that compact state were the applicant's primary state of residence; and

10) Submit required nonrefundable licensure fee and completed application for endorsement.

11) Complete a role delineation course approved by the board.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. 73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Part 2810 Chapter 3: Licensure of Applicants from Countries outside the State and Territories of the United States

Rule 3.1 RN Licensure by Examination for Applicants from Countries outside the States and Territories of the United States. Applicants for RN licensure by examination shall:

F. Comply with criminal background checks and fingerprinting requirements in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-19 (l);

G. Present evidence of competence in English related to nursing, provided the first language is not English;

H. Present evidence of meeting immigration requirements;

I. Submit evidence of certification issued by ~~the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools~~ a Board-approved credential evaluation provider;

J. Present written official evidence of completion of a board-approved nursing program preparing RNs. The transcript must be in English or a certified translation;

F. Submit application to take the examination and pay the nonrefundable fees;

G. Be required to pass NCLEX-RN or its successor examination by obtaining a passing score or results equivalent to or above those in effect in Mississippi at the time the applicant was initially licensed;

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. 73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 3.2 RN Licensure by Endorsement for Applicants from Countries outside the States and Territories of the United States. Applicants for RN licensure by endorsement shall:

H. Comply with criminal background checks and fingerprinting requirements in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-19(1);

I. Submit proof of current licensure in another state or territory or evidence of eligibility for reinstatement of licensure in a compact state if that compact state were the applicant's primary state of residence;
J. Present written official evidence of completion of a board-approved nursing program preparing RNs. The transcript must be in English or a certified translation;
K. Submit evidence of certification issued by ~~the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools~~ a Board-approved credential evaluation provider;
L. Submit applications for endorsement and pay the nonrefundable fees;
M. Present official evidence of licensure by examination and passing scores or results equivalent to or above those in effect in Mississippi at the time the applicant was initially licensed; and
N. Be permitted to apply for a temporary permit and may be issued such permit upon the acceptance of the application and payment of the required fee.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 3.3 LPN Licensure by Examination for Applicants from Countries outside the States and Territories of the United States. Applicants for LPN licensure by examination shall:

F. Comply with criminal background checks and fingerprinting requirements in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-21 (l);
G. Present evidence of competence in English related to nursing, provided the first language is not English;
H. Present evidence of meeting immigration requirements;
I. Submit evidence of certification issued by ~~the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools~~ a Board-approved credential evaluation provider;
J. Present written official evidence of a board-approved nursing program preparing LPNs. The transcript must be in English or a certified translation;
F. Submit application to take the examination and pay the required nonrefundable fees; and
G. Be required to pass NCLEX-PN or its successor examination by obtaining a passing score or result equivalent to or above those in effect in Mississippi at the time the applicant was initially licensed.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 3.4 LPN Licensure by Endorsement for Applicants from Countries outside the States and Territories of the United States. Applicants for LPN licensure by endorsement shall:

G. Comply with criminal background checks and fingerprinting requirements in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-21 (l);
H. Submit proof of current licensure in another state or territory or evidence of eligibility for reinstatement of licensure in a compact state if that compact state were the applicant's primary state of residence;

I. Present written official evidence of completion of a board-approved nursing program preparing LPNs. The transcript shall be in the English language or a certified translation;
J. Submit application for endorsement and pay the nonrefundable fees;
K. Present official evidence of licensure by examination and passing scores or results equivalent to or above those in effect in Mississippi at the time the applicant was initially licensed; and
L. Be permitted to apply for a temporary permit and may be issued such permit upon acceptance of the application and payment of the required fee.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Part 2810 Chapter 4: Renewal and Reinstatement of Licenses

Rule 4.1 Active Biennial Renewal: Biennial renewal of active license:

A. Registered Nurses:

The license shall be valid for two (2) calendar years beginning January 1 of each uneven-numbered year and expiring December 31 of each even-numbered year.

B. Licensed Practical Nurses:

The license shall be valid for two (2) calendar years, beginning January I of each even-numbered year and expiring December 31 of each uneven-numbered year.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 4.2 Publication of Notification of Renewal. Notification of renewal shall be published on or before November 1 of the year in which the license expires.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 4.3 Online Renewal. Renewal and payment shall be completed online through the board's website on or before December 31 of the year in which the license expires. Information on the application shall be subject to verification by the board.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 4.4 Definition of Active Licensure. Active licensure means the practice of nursing as defined in Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-5 (2) and (5).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 4.5 Inactive Licensure. Inactive licensure means the state of licensure granted at the discretion of the board to persons not engaged in the active practice of nursing but desiring to maintain licensure.

E. Any person practicing as a RN or LPN during the time the nurse holds inactive licensure shall be considered to be practicing illegally and shall be subject to disciplinary action by the board.

F. The only title which may be used by a person with inactive licensure is 'RN-I" or "LPN-I", as appropriate, with "I", meaning inactive as defined in the Mississippi Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations.

G. In order to be considered for inactive licensure a person shall submit a written request to the board. Upon completion of the appropriate application and fee, inactive licensure may be conferred at the discretion of the board.

H. Inactive licensure shall not be granted to a person during the pendency of disciplinary proceedings against that person.

E. Licensees holding inactive licensure may apply for reinstatement of active licensure. Upon completion of the reinstatement process and pursuant to all other provisions of Part 2810, the board may reinstate active licensure.

F. Inactive licensure may be reinstated to active licensure pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-27 (a) (v) and (b) (v) and Mississippi Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations, Part 2810, Chapter 4.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 4.6 Lapsed Licensure.

D. Any person practicing as a RN or LPN during the time the license has lapsed shall be considered to be practicing illegally and is subject to disciplinary action by the board.

E. Any RN or LPN who allows the license to lapse by failing to renew the license as provided above may be reinstated by the board on satisfactory explanation for such failure to renew and upon payment of the required reinstatement fee and renewal

F. A lapsed license may be reinstated pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-27 (a) (v) and (b) (v) and Mississippi Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations, Part 2810, Chapter 4.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 4.7 Evidence of Continuing Basic Nursing Competencies.

C. Any RN or LPN applying for a license (including endorsement), renewal of an active license, reinstatement of a lapsed license or change from inactive to active status must submit evidence of continuing basic nursing competencies when such nurse has not practiced nursing for compensation or performed the function of a RN or LPN in a voluntary capacity with or without compensation within the five (5) year period immediately prior to such application for a license, renewal, reinstatement or change of status.

D. Evidence of continuing basic nursing competencies shall include submission of written documentation of one of the following:

1) Successful completion of a board-approved Reorientation Program for RNs or LPNs within the five (5) year period immediately prior to such application for renewal or reinstatement of the nursing license. The board may issue a temporary permit to any nurse during the time enrolled in a board-approved nursing reorientation program upon submission of required application and fees;

4) Completion of twenty contact hours of continuing education directly related to nursing practice within the two (2) year period immediately prior to such application for renewal or reinstatement of the nursing license. Acceptable continuing education offerings are those which are currently approved, accredited, provided, or offered by a recognized credentialing agency;

5) Successful completion of a minimum of three (3) semester hours of nursing credit offered by a nursing education program within the two (2) year period immediately prior to such application for renewal or reinstatement of the nursing license. An acceptable nursing program is one which is approved or accredited by the appropriate agency within the state.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 4.8 Change of Name and/or Address.

A. The licensee shall supply evidence of name change, i.e., copies of court records, marriage certificate, etc., in order for any official change to be made on records. B. The licensee shall keep the board informed in writing as to change in address.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 4.9 Loss of License, Temporary Permit, or Certification Card:

C. The licensee shall report any lost or stolen license, temporary permit, or certification card with complete identifying information.

D. Upon receipt of information surrounding the loss or theft of the license, temporary permit, or certification card and receipt of required fee, the board will issue a duplicate document.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Part 2810 Chapter 5: Disaster Relief Permits

Rule 5.1 Permits Issued during Public Health Emergency. The board may issue disaster relief permits to an individual to practice as a registered nurse, advance practice nurse, or licensed practical nurse to provide gratuitous nursing service in the state of Mississippi during a public health emergency, and for such periods thereafter as approved by the board provided such individual:

A. Holds a current unrestricted license in good standing issued by the licensing authority of another state to practice as an advanced practice nurse, registered nurse, or licensed practical nurse;

B. Submit to the board:

1) picture identification;
2) proof of current licensure in another state; and
3) a completed disaster permit affidavit.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 5.2 Terms of Issuance. A disaster relief permit may be issued upon such terms, conditions, limitations or restrictions as to time, place, nature, and scope of practice as determined by the board.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 5.3 Validity of Permit. A disaster relief permit will be valid for sixty (60) days from the date of issuance and may be extended for additional sixty (60) day periods as determined appropriate and necessary by the board, deemed necessary or appropriate to its responsibilities under law.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 5.4 Termination of Permit. A disaster relief permit shall be recalled if allegations of acts or omissions which constitute grounds for disciplinary action as defined in Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-29.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Part 2810 Chapter 6: Camp Nurses

Rule 6.1 Permits for Camp Nurses. The board, pursuant to the Miss. Code Ann. Section 75-74-8, may issue a ninety (90) day temporary license to practice nursing at a youth camp to qualified applicants upon receipt of a completed application and fee.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*

Part 2810 Chapter 7: Penalty for Presentation of Bad Checks

Rule 7.1 Penalty for Bad Checks. A fee as established by Miss. Code Ann. Section 97-19-5 shall be assessed to any individual who presents a check that is later dishonored by the bank. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order within fifteen (15) days of notification by certified mail of the returned check. Such fees shall be in addition to the amount due. Licenses or temporary permits obtained by payment of a bad check shall be considered invalid until full payment has been made.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-15-17 (1972, as amended).*