

COVID-19 Temporary Permit

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mississippi Board of Nursing is accepting applications for 120-day temporary permits from the following individuals:

- Currently licensed nurses in other states
- Nurses previously licensed in Mississippi
- Graduates of an approved school of nursing prior to NCLEX testing and permanent licensure

You may apply for this temporary permit via this Licensee Gateway.

If you have a Profile, please login into the Gateway Portal and apply. If you do not have a Profile, please enter the Gateway Portal below click the Register Now button to create a profile, then login to apply.

- The permit is not a license and but is a temporary emergency permit to assist MS during the state of emergency declared by the Governor.
- The permit is only applicable to the state of MS and is NOT COMPACT.
- The permit is only active under the following conditions;
 - 120 days, **or**
 - New Grad passes the NCLEX exam and is then permanently licensed, **or**
 - New Grad fails the NCLEX exam, and the permit is then automatically inactivated with no eligibility for reapplication for the permit.
- School transcript must be on file with the Board of Nursing, marked completed with the graduation date and degree conferred.
- Must have an application on file for permanent RN or LPN license in MS in pending status

[Click here to enter the Gateway Portal](#)

<https://gateway.licensure.msbn.ms.gov/index.aspx>

FAQ's TEMPORARY DISASTER PERMIT

New Graduates

Q: If I am a new nursing school graduate, will I be eligible to apply for the 120-day temporary disaster permit?

A: New Graduates are graduates who have graduated from an approved nursing program as of July 1, 2019, and who need to complete the following steps to be eligible for a temporary disaster permit:

1. Submit application for licensure by examination.
2. Supply documentation to show proof of graduation.

3. Recommended to apply to test with NCLEX
4. You should be eligible for temporary disaster permit

Q. If I am an APRN new graduate, will I be eligible for the 120-day temporary disaster permit?

A. No. Unfortunately, the law does not authorize the Board of Nursing to issue temporary permits to APRN new graduates.

Q. Does issuing a temporary permit to a New Graduate limit their scope of practice?

Issuing a temporary permit to a New Graduate allows that New Graduate to practice within their respective education and training. The scope of practice of a RN new graduate is that of a RN; the scope of practice of a LPN new graduate is that of a LPN. New graduates may only sign off on paperwork using the initials to signify they are a graduate nurse (i.e. G.N.). Signing as a R.N. or L.P.N. is only allowed when a license is obtained as those legal credentials have title protection afforded by law.

In addition, Healthcare employers within our State as well as national stakeholders have recommended the following restrictions for New Graduate assignments:

1. Manage PCA pumps infusion devices.
2. Administer blood or blood components, plasma, plasma expanders.
3. Change tubing on or administer IV chemotherapeutic agents.
4. Administer IV immunosuppressive drugs.
5. Manage epidural analgesia infusions.
6. Administer experimental or investigative/research drugs.
7. Manage respiratory support equipment (excluding trach care/suctioning).
8. Perform arterial puncture or draw blood from arterial catheters.
9. Manage renal dialysis or access devices used for renal dialysis.
10. Perform peritoneal dialysis.
11. Advance or remove chest tubes.

Endorsement/ Out-of-State

Q. If I am an APRN endorsement applicant or coming out-of-state to practice under the Governor's state emergency declaration will I be eligible for a temporary disaster permit?

A. If you are an APRN who has a current, unencumbered license from another state you would be eligible.

Reinstatement

Q. If I am a retired nurse and I have in “inactive” status with the Board, am I eligible for a temporary disaster permit?

A. If your license has NOT been revoked, suspended, surrendered or administratively denied, you would be eligible.

Q. If I am a reinstatement applicant but I have not been able to complete fingerprinting am I eligible?

A. You would be eligible as long as your license has not been revoked, surrendered or administratively denied in the past.

Employment

Q. How do I find out who is hiring or in need of volunteer services?

A. The board does not have a list of employment or volunteer needs; however, the board has notified employer stakeholders of the permit process.

Q. Will employers be able to access the temporary permit by clicking on the license verification link?

A. Yes. All Disaster Temporary Permits may be verified via the MSBON online license verification link

Discipline

Q. Will the disciplinary process be the same if a new graduate is provided a temporary permit and violates the nursing practice act?

A. Yes. Anyone who violates the Nurse Practice Act or Rule/Regulation while practicing with a temporary permit will be subject to disciplinary action.

Q. Are there any practice restrictions for individuals practicing with a temporary permit?

A. Each nurse practicing within their respective education and training and permitted to practice as a R.N., L.P.N. or A.P.R.N. must practice within the scope of practice as defined by the board.