

## COVID-19 Temporary Permit

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mississippi Board of Nursing on August 16, 2021, voted to reimplement the temporary permit for 120 days. Please note all temporary permits received from the following eligible applicants will expire on December 14, 2021.

The following individuals are eligible to apply:

- 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 loginto apply.

**[Click here to enter the Gateway Portal](https://gateway.licensure.msbn.ms.gov/index.aspx)**

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## **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 December 1, 2020. The following would need to be completed before the graduate is eligible for temporary disaster permit:

1. Submit application for licensure by examination.
2. Supply documentation to show proof of graduation.
3. Must apply and sit for the NCLEX before the December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 expiration date.
4. You should be eligible for temporary disaster permit

**Q. What happens if I fail my NCLEX?**

**A. Failure of the NCLEX will result in the temporary permit becoming invalid.**

**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 graduate.

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A. If your license has NOT been revoked, suspended, surrendered or administratively denied, you would be eligible.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

If you are currently an active LPN wishing to apply for COVID-19 temporary contact Tina Highfill [thighfill@msbn.ms.gov](mailto:thighfill@msbn.ms.gov), Your official transcript must be received by the Board.