

News regarding Louisiana Multistate Licenses

Effective July 1, 2019, Licensed Practical Nurses who hold a Louisiana license which is active and unencumbered and meet ALL of the 11 requirements are eligible to apply for multistate licensure. Once the Board grants the multistate license, the nurse can then engage in nursing practice in any of the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact states without having to obtain additional licenses. For more information about the Nurse License Compact, please visit NCSBN's website. <https://www.ncsbn.org/index.htm>

Not all nurses will be eligible for a multistate license. In order to be eligible the nurse must first meet *all* NLC requirements (https://www.ncsbn.org/ULR_Updated_Jan_2018.pdf) **and you must** live in and declare Louisiana as your primary state of residence. You should only submit an application if you **meet all requirements** listed by the NLC; application fees are non-refundable.

Once you have determined that you meet all of the uniform licensure requirements (ULR), you must submit a Multistate Conversion Application (will be available on our website and accessed through your new Nurse Portal, beginning 07/01/2019). You must also pay the \$50.90 application fee, and submit fingerprints for a federal criminal background check. LPNs that have determined that they meet all requirements may begin the process for the FBI background check now. <http://www.lsbpne.com/bkgrndcheck.phtml> Please note that this process will take several weeks to complete as the results of the FBI background check must be received before final approval of the application can be determined.

After July 1, 2019, when the Board office receives your online application for the Multistate Conversion, the Board staff will review both your application and licensure records already on file to ensure that you meet all requirements for a multistate license. Please be aware that if the Board staff is not able to verify through your application and licensure records that you meet all requirements, additional information may be requested from you.

Review of criminal charges, disciplinary action, judicial declaration of incompetence, or participation in an alternative program: Applicants who have ever been summoned, arrested, taken into custody, indicted, convicted or tried for, or charged with, or pleaded guilty to, the violation of any law or ordinance or the commission of any misdemeanor or felony, or requested to appear before any prosecuting attorney or investigative agency in any matter, or have ever had disciplinary action taken against a nursing license, certification or registration, any professional or occupational license, registration, or certification or if there is currently any investigation of your nursing license, registration or certification; and/or any professional or occupational license, registration, or certification in any state, territory or country; OR have ever been judicially declared incompetent; or are currently participating in an alternative to discipline program in any state, territory, or country are required to notify the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners. A "report in writing" means that the applicant/licensee provides a signed and dated description stating in his/her own words the date, location, and circumstances of the incident, and if applicable, the resulting action taken by the court, agency, or disciplinary board. The report may be in the form of a letter or a statement in the provided space on the application. A verbal report does not constitute a "report in writing". A written report not accompanied by a full set of certified court records or the board order(s) does not constitute a "report in writing". Failure to report such action is a violation of the Nurse Practice Act.

As always, please continue to check our website and Facebook page for all updates. Further information regarding the Nurse Licensure Compact can be found on the NCSBN website (<https://www.ncsbn.org/index.htm>)