

Notice of Proposed Regulations Changes – Board of Nursing (NUR), relating to the licensing and practice of nursing. Notice Published: July 18, 2017

Below are responses to questions received on the NUR proposed regulations. The period for written comments ends August 31, 2017. To be considered, comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2017

Regulatory Questions/Answers	
1 7/31/2017	<b>Will the proposed 60 hours of volunteer time for renewal be for 2018 or 2020 renewal period?</b>
This would be effective pending the date the regulations are signed. If signed within the renewal cycle it will become effective that next renewal cycle. For example, for RNs, if signed before 7/1/18, it would require the hours are met by 11/30/18.	
2 8/4/2017	<b>When will these regulations go into effect if approved?</b>
If adopted by the Board and approved by the Department of Law, the adopted regulations are forwarded to Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation changes are effective 30 days after filing.	
3 8/6/2017	<b>Are online comments available for viewing?</b>
Yes, written comments received are public records and is available on the Board's website at <a href="https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofNursing.aspx">https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofNursing.aspx</a> .	
4 8/7/2017	<b>I'm a foreign graduate nurse who have passed the board exam and currently practicing nursing, what would the proposed changes mean for foreign graduate nurses who's already currently licensed and practicing nursing?</b>
The proposed regulations will not require a currently licensed nurse to take an English examination.	
5 8/8/2017	<b>There will be an increase from 30 to 60 hours of participation in uncompensated professional activities for renewal requirement? Why the dramatic increase?</b>
The uncompensated professional activities will increase from 30-60 hrs. per 2-year renewal cycle. The Board of Nursing deemed that 15 hours per year of volunteer nursing service was not adequate towards maintaining nursing competency.	
6 8/9/2017	<b>Are there any proposed regulations that would change the scope of practice for nurse anesthetists?</b>

The Scope of Practice for CRNAs defined in regulation 12 AAC 44.510 would be repealed and the CRNA Scope of Practice would be defined under regulation 12 AAC 44.430. This is consistent with the national model calling for the APRN consensus model and supported by the National Council State Boards of Nursing. Regulation 12 AAC 44.510 refers to the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists' Scope of Nurse Anesthesia Practice, revised as of 2013 and adopted by reference. Regulation 12 AAC 44.430 recognizes advanced and specialized acts of nursing practice as those described in the scope of practice statement for nurse practitioners certified by the national certification bodies recognized by the board. The identical document would be used in both regulations for determining the scope of practice.