



Notice of Proposed Changes to Occupational Licensing Fees for Professions Regulated by the Board of Nursing in the Regulations of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Proposed Fee Regulations - FAQ

March 2020

1. Why are new fees being proposed?

By law, fees must be analyzed annually and set to approximately recover the cost of program operation. Alaska's professional licensing statutes (AS 08.01.065) require the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (CBPL) to "annually review each fee level to determine whether the regulatory costs of each occupation are approximately equal to fee collections related to that occupation." Alaska's licensing fee statutes go on to say, "If the review indicates that an occupation's fee collections and regulatory costs are not approximately equal, the department shall calculate fee adjustments and adopt regulations...to implement the adjustments."

The division conducted a thorough fee analysis and proposes a modest increase in licensing fee amounts for the nursing and nurse aide licensing programs to comply with AS 08.01.065. Although fees were increased in FY2019, the analysis reflected the need to slightly increase fees for the FY2021 renewal to prevent the threat of deficit.

The Board of Nursing reviewed the fee analysis at a meeting on February 5, 2020, provided valuable input, and made fee recommendations. The division took those recommendations under careful consideration and agreed with the changes proposed by the board. The proposed fee amounts are enclosed and can also be found on the program's web page at <http://nursing.alaska.gov>.

2. What are the proposed fees?

Fees proposed for the 2020-2022 licensing period are below. Fees in **bold and underlined** are proposed, [bracketed] amounts being changed.

The following fees are established for nurses and advanced practice registered nurses:

- (1) nonrefundable application fee for
 - (A) initial registered or practical nursing license, **\$150** [\$100];

(B) advanced practice registered nurse license, \$150 [\$100];

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(2) license fee for all or part of the initial biennial registered or practical nursing license period, \$215 [\$200];

(3) biennial registered or practical nursing license renewal fee, \$215 [\$200];

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The following fees are established for certified nurse aides:

(1) nonrefundable application fee for initial certification, \$125 [\$100];

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3. How are the estimated costs determined?

AS 08.01.065 requires *all costs* of regulating the profession to be borne by its licensees. The proposed fees are based on known and anticipated costs.

4. What do licensing fees pay for?

The agency must create, publish, and manage licensing application forms and fees, which entail adherence to the state's recordkeeping, security, payment, and refund policies and procedures.

- Requirement of licensees to meet professional fitness standards, which are evaluated by the license examiner and referred to the agency's investigative unit if necessary for further review.
- Enforcement of disciplinary sanctions available to the agency if a licensee violates the state licensing statutes or regulations or an individual practices the profession without a license. Because state law requires all costs of a licensing program to be borne by the licensees of that program (AS 08.01.065), any investigative, attorney, or appeal expenses of the state will be recovered in the licensing fee.

5. What was the fee analysis?

See attached.

6. When was the last increase?

Fees were last increased in FY2019 (8/1/2018), see chart below.

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NUR	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
						<u>Eff. 7/7/10</u>			<u>Eff. 2/20/14</u>					<u>Eff. 8/1/18</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
RN/LPN Application	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$150
RN/LPN License	\$215	\$215	\$215	\$215	\$215	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$165	\$165	\$165	\$165	\$165	\$200	\$215
RN/LPN Renewal	\$215	\$215	\$215	\$215	\$215	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$165	\$165	\$165	\$165	\$165	\$200	\$215
Temporary Permit	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$100
Preceptorship Reg App *on	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$100
Prescriptive Authority *cor	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$100
*APRN Application	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$100	\$150
APRN License	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$100	\$100
APRN Renewal	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$100	\$100
Reexamination	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Late Renewal Penalty	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Fingerprint Processing	\$59	\$59	\$59	\$59	\$59	\$59	\$59	\$59	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$75	\$75
				<u>Eff. 11/19/08</u>											
Courtesy License	n/a	n/a	n/a		\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
												<u>Eff. 8/10/16</u>			
Retired Nurse Status one-ti	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$165	\$165	\$100	\$100

NUA	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
			<u>Eff. 3/7/08</u>		<u>Eff. 1/30/10</u>				<u>Eff. 2/20/14</u>					<u>Eff. 8/1/2018</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
Application	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$125
Examination	\$40	\$40	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$55	\$55
Certified Nurse Aides	\$120	\$120	\$180	\$180	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
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Training Program Approval	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Reexamination	\$20	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$50	\$50
Fingerprint Processing	\$59	\$59	\$59	\$59	\$59	\$59	\$59	\$59	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$75	\$75

7. When will the new fees be effective?

After public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Division Director for consideration. The Division Director for the Department, may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Department action, the adopted regulations goes to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

Do you have a question that is not answered here? Please email RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov so it can be added.

Board of Nursing (NUR) Nursing

Analysis last updated: 2/18/20
 Renewal deadline: 11/30/2020
 Presented to board: 11/15/2019

02.18.2020 The division adopted the board's proposal fee increase.

Fee Type	Current fee schedule				Proposed by board				Proposed by division				Adjustments			License Count	Including attitition
	Current Fee	Projected Units	Projected Revenue	Fee Adjustment	Fee with Recommended Adjustment	Projected Revenue after Adjustment	% Change	Fee Adjustment	Fee with Recommended Adjustment	Projected Revenue after Adjustment	% Change	Fee Adjustment for Estimated Prorated Renewals	Projected Units*	Projected Revenue Loss			
Initial Application - RN , LPN, APRN	100	4,703	\$ 470,340	50	150	\$ 705,510	50%	50	150	\$ 705,510	50%						2,352
New biennial licensing period - Registered Nurse (RN)	200	3,903	780,640	15	215	839,188	8%	15	215	839,188	8%	(108)	950	(102,125)			1,952
Renew biennial licensing period - Registered Nurse (RN)	200	13,960	2,792,000	15	215	3,001,400	8%	15	215	3,001,400	8%						13,960
New biennial licensing period - LPN	200	202	40,460	15	215	43,495	8%	15	215	43,495	8%	(108)	47	(5,053)			101
Renew biennial licensing period- LPN	200	1,148	229,630	15	215	246,852	8%	15	215	246,852	8%						1,047
Temporary Permit Fee***	100	-	-		100	-	0%		100	-	0%						-
Prescriptive Authority Application Fee (one time)	100	19	1,900		100	1,900	0%		100	1,900	0%						19
New Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)	100	247	24,650		100	24,650	0%		100	24,650	0%	(50)	68	(3,400)			123
Renew Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)	100	1,437	143,725		100	143,725	0%		100	143,725	0%						1,314
Reexamination Application Fee	50	8	400		50	400	0%		50	400	0%						8
Preceptorship registration fee (one time)	100	30	3,000		100	3,000	0%		100	3,000	0%						30
Late Renewal Penalty Fee	100	406	40,600		100	40,600	0%		100	40,600	0%						406
Nonrefundable Fingerprint Processing Fee	75	4,114	308,531		75	308,531	0%		75	308,531	0%						4,114
Retired Nurse Status One-Time Fee	100	3	300		100	300	0%		100	300	0%						3
Courtesy License Fee	50	-	-		50	-	0%		50	-	0%						-
Initial Application - Nurse Aide	100	927	92,650	25	125	115,813	25%	25	125	115,813	25%						463
Examination Fee	55	927	50,958		55	50,958	0%		55	50,958	0%	(50)	312	(15,600)			463
New Certification Fee	100	927	92,650		100	92,650	0%		100	92,650	0%						463
Renew Certification Fee	100	2,856	285,600		100	285,600	0%		100	285,600	0%						2,856
Certified Nurse Aide Training Program Approval Fee	500	-	-		500	-	0%		500	-	0%						-
Reexamination Fee	50	100	5,000		50	5,000	0%		50	5,000	0%						100
Nonrefundable Fingerprint Processing Fee	75	811	60,802		75	60,802	0%		75	60,802	0%						100
Centralized Fees	52,511	1	52,511		52,511	52,511	0%		52,511	52,511	0%						463
			\$ 5,476,346			\$ 6,022,883				\$ 6,022,883				\$ (126,178)			

Calculating Projected Units
 Initial: PY new applications
 New: PY new applications
 two prescripion authority types
 Renewal: PY total + New
 Temporary: PY temporary
 Courtesy: PY courtesy
 Centralized: PY revenue x .01

Adjustment to revenue based on CNA renewal not going into effect until FY2021.

23,163	23,163
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
23,163	23,163

* Units based on 2019 renewal, per 12 AAC 02.030
 *** Temporary Permit Fees are Typically Refunded thru Licensure - Reduced Projected Units to Zero
 Beginning Cumulative Surplus must be from FY2018

CALCULATIONS BASED ON CURRENT FEES

	FY2016/2017	FY2018/2019	Projected	Projected	Projected
	Actuals	Actuals	FY2020/2021	FY2022/2023	FY2024/2025
Revenue	3,914,383	5,251,080	5,476,346	5,476,346	5,476,346
Expenses	(4,654,928)	(5,196,983)			
Adjustments					
Expenses adjusted for 2% biennial increase			(5,196,983)	(5,300,923)	(5,406,941)
Fee adjustment for pro-rated renewal			(126,178)	(126,178)	(126,178)
Projected Net		54,097	153,186	49,246	(56,773)
Beginning Cumulative Surplus (Deficit)		544,915	599,012	752,198	801,444
Ending Cumulative Surplus (Deficit)		599,012	752,198	801,444	744,671

CALCULATIONS BASED ON BOARD'S PROPOSAL

	FY2018/2019	Projected	Projected	Projected
	Actuals	FY2020/2021	FY2022/2023	FY2024/2025
Revenue	5,251,080	5,999,721	6,022,883	6,022,883
Expenses	(5,196,983)			
Adjustments				
(5,196,983)		(5,300,923)	(5,406,941)	
(126,178)		(126,178)	(126,178)	
Projected Net	54,097	676,560	595,783	489,765
Beginning Cumulative Surplus (Deficit)	544,915	599,012	1,275,572	1,871,356
Ending Cumulative Surplus (Deficit)	599,012	1,275,572	1,871,356	2,361,120

CALCULATIONS BASED ON DIVISION'S PROPOSAL

	FY2018/2019	Projected	Projected	Projected
	Actuals	FY2020/2021	FY2022/2023	FY2024/2025
Revenue	5,251,080	5,999,721	6,022,883	6,022,883
Expenses	(5,196,983)			
Adjustments				
(5,196,983)		(5,300,923)	(5,406,941)	
(126,178)		(126,178)	(126,178)	
Projected Net	54,097	676,560	595,783	489,765
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12 AAC 02.280. Board of Nursing: fees for nurses and advanced practice registered nurses
 The following fees are established for nurses and advanced practice registered nurses:
 (1) nonrefundable application fee for:
 (A) initial registered or practical nursing license, \$100;
 (B) advanced practice registered nurse license, \$100;
 (C) preceptorship registration one-time fee, \$100;
 (2) license fee for all or part of the initial biennial registered or practical nursing license period, \$200;
 (3) biennial registered or practical nursing license renewal fee, \$200;
 (4) temporary permit fee, \$100;
 (5) prescriptive authority or controlled substance authority application one-time fee, \$100;
 (6) advanced practice registered nurse license fee for all or part of the initial biennial license period, \$100;
 (7) advanced practice registered nurse biennial license renewal fee, \$100.00;
 (8) reexamination application fee, \$50;
 (9) late renewal penalty fee, \$100;
 (10) nonrefundable fingerprint processing fee, \$75;
 (11) courtesy license fee, \$50;
 (12) retired nurse status license one-time fee, \$100.

12 AAC 02.282. Board of Nursing: fees for certified nurse aides
 The following fees are established for certified nurse aides:
 (1) nonrefundable application fee for initial certification, \$100;
 (2) examination fee, \$55;
 (3) certification fee for all or part of the initial biennial nurse aide certification period, \$100;
 (4) biennial nurse aide certification renewal fee, \$100;
 (5) certified nurse aide training program approval fee, \$500;
 (6) reexamination fee, \$50;
 (7) nonrefundable fingerprint processing fee, \$75.