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Notice of Proposed Changes in the Regulations of the Alaska Board of Nursing

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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These changes were made in response to Governor Dunleavy's Administrative Order 360 to clarify obligations, remove redundant or outdated information, reduce costs, streamline procedures, or improve transparency.

1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

12 AAC 44.290. Application for examination

• The proposed regulation changes will remove barriers to licensure including removing the notary requirement, and simplifies language and requirements per the Administrative Order 360 instruction.

12 AAC 44.305. License by endorsement

• The proposed regulation changes will remove barriers to licensure including removing the notary requirement, simplifies language and requirements, and removes outdated language per the Administrative Order 360 instruction.

12 AAC 44.310. Licensure by endorsement for graduates of foreign schools of nursing

• The proposed regulation changes will simplify language and remove outdated language per the Administrative Order 360 instructions.

12 AAC 44.312. Temporary military courtesy license or certification to practice as a certified nurse aide, licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, or advanced practice registered nurse

• The proposed change will repeal this section to remove redundancy in regulation.

12 AAC 44.317. Reinstatement of a lapsed or retired status license

• The proposed changes will clarify the timelines for reinstatement of a lapsed registered or practical nurse license, will remove the notary requirement, and will simplify and clarify requirements to remove barriers to licensure. These changes will also reduce administrative burden and streamline the reinstatement process for licensees.

12 AAC 44.320. Temporary permits

• The proposed changes will remove an outdated fee, and will simplify and clarify language and requirements to remove barriers to licensure.

12 AAC 44.800. Certification by examination

• The proposed changes will add clarity on requirements and will remove the requirement for certified nurse aides applying for certification in this section to complete the nurse aide competency evaluation. These changes will also simplify the requirements for those who received education in a foreign prelicensure education program, and for those who were a United States military servicemember on active duty or reserve status.

12 AAC 44.805. Certification by endorsement

• The proposed changes will simplify the requirements for certified nurse aides who received education in a foreign prelicensure education program.

12 AAC 44.810. Application for certification

• The proposed changes will update outdated information, and will add alternatives for those applicants who are unable to complete certain requirements of this section, which will remove a barrier to licensure.

12 AAC 44.815. Issuance and renewal of certification

• The proposed changes will clarify language, and will add a reference to federal requirements to ensure the regulations remain in alignment with the federal requirements if updated.

12 AAC 44.820. Lapsed certification

• The proposed changes will lengthen the timeline for how long a lapsed nurse aide certification can be reinstated, and will simplify the requirements for application. These changes will also reduce administrative burden and streamline the reinstatement process for licensees.

12 AAC 44.830. Application for training program approval

• The proposed changes will update references due to changes from this project, and will simplify the nurse aide training program application process.

12 AAC 44.835. Training program standards

• The proposed changes will update references due to changes from this project, and will remove language that is being moved to the new section (12 AAC 44.848) for simplification of language which will add additional clarity. Outdated language is being removed, as well as certain requirements to remove barriers.

12 AAC 44.845. Classroom curriculum

• The proposed changes will repeal this section. This section, 12 AAC 44.847, and 12 AAC 44.852 are being repealed, with the information being combined into one streamlined section (12 AAC 44.848) for simplification, and to remove redundancy.

12 AAC 44.847. Clinical training curriculum

• The proposed changes will repeal this section. This section, 12 AAC 44.845, and 12 AAC 44.852 are being repealed, with the information being combined into one streamlined section (12 AAC 44.848) for simplification, and to remove redundancy.

12 AAC 44.848. Nurse aide curriculum

• This is a new section proposed to be added, to combine the information previously located in 12 AAC 44.845 Classroom curriculum, 12 AAC 44.847 Clinical training curriculum, and 12 AAC 44.8520 Nurse aide skills checklist. Combining these into one section reduces redundancy and simplifies regulations. The proposed changes will also update and include verbiage surrounding Nurse Aide curriculum as included in recently passed HB 244.

12 AAC 44.850. Nurse aide competency evaluation

• The proposed change will update a regulation reference due to changes from this project.

12 AAC 44.852. Nurse aide skills checklist

• The proposed changes will repeal this section. This section, 12 AAC 44.845, and 12 AAC 44.847 are being repealed, with the information being combined into one streamlined section (12 AAC 44.848) for simplification, and to remove redundancy.

12 AAC 44.855. Changes in training program

• The proposed change will update a regulation reference due to changes from this project.

12 AAC 44.857. Training program review

• The proposed change will update regulation references due to changes from this project.

12 AAC 44.858. Training program pass rate

• The proposed changes will remove outdated information.

12 AAC 44.860. Discontinuation of a training program

• The proposed changes will repeal this section, as this will no longer be required.

12 AAC 44.862. Withdrawal of approval

• The proposed change will update regulation references due to changes from this project.

12 AAC 44.885. Identification of nurse aides

• The proposed changes will repeal this section to remove outdated information.

12 AAC 44.990. Definitions

• The proposed change will add a definition for "NCLEX" – National Council Licensure Examination, so that the acronym can be used throughout the regulations, as this is what it is commonly referred to.

2. What are the positive and negative impacts of these regulation changes?

Positive impacts:

The proposed changes simplify, clarify, and streamline language, which will provide clarity for licensees and applicants. There are changes that reduce burden on applicants, licensees, and administratively.

Many of the changes standardize language and curriculum and reduce redundancy, which improves patient safety for vulnerable populations.

Possible negative impacts:

The changes to the nurse aide curriculum sections may require programs to revise curriculum. The board feels that the positive impacts outweigh the negative.

3. **What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?**

   No costs anticipated.

4. **Possible concerns:**
   Repealing the training program checklist and prescriptive language, and moving to concept-based curriculum. What is the benefit of this change?

   This change will allow training programs to create their own versions, and will remove barriers of overly prescriptive language.

   Why is the Nurse Aide Curriculum verbiage changing?

   The verbiage is proposed to be updated to outline the training curriculum to include increased focus on patient-centered care, communication techniques, and increased awareness and care of the cognitively impaired individual.

5. **When will the regulations be effective?**

   After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board may adopt the regulations 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 Board action, the adopted regulations go to the Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves the regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. The regulations take 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.