Current state-of-emergency licensure updates (as of 3/19/20)

Alabama

The Alabama Board of Nursing has temporarily limited agency resources to ~essential personnel only. Accordingly, while the workload of the Board has not decreased, available staff is currently subject to substantial reduction. Unfortunately, this circumstance is likely to result in delays in processing applications and other core functions, agency-wide.

Click here to visit the AL board of nursing for more information

Alaska

Note to Employers: Please continue to use ABN License Lookup and Nursys.com for nurse license verification.

Click here to visit the AK board of nursing for more information

Arizona

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) is to waive licensing requirements to provide healthcare officials with assistance in delivering services during times of heightened demand.

Click here to read more of Arizona’s licensure update.

California

Any out-of-state personnel, including, but not limited to, medical personnel, entering California to assist in preparation for, responding to, mitigating the effects of, and recovering from COVID-19 shall be permitted to provide services in the same manner as prescribed in Government Code section 179.5.

Click here to read more of California’s licensure update.
Colorado

3/18/2020 DENVER (AP) — Colorado Gov. Jared Polis announced measures Friday to grow the ranks of doctors, nurses and other professionals in anticipation of an increasing coronavirus caseload straining the state’s health care system.
Polis said state officials will expedite the licensing of health-care professionals who live in Colorado and already have licenses in other states. State officials are also asking retired doctors and nurses and those who left the field to consider returning to help with the outbreak.

Click here to visit the CO State Board of Nursing website

Florida

The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) will be granting a 90-day extension to all licenses for health care providers and regulated facilities.

Click here to read more of Florida’s licensure update.

Georgia

The Board has implemented Policy 1.16 which, pursuant to the authority in O.C.G.A. T. 43, Ch. 26 and consistent with the Governor’s Executive Order for a State of Emergency, authorizes staff to assess applications for temporary permits and to issue temporary permits to licensed practical nurses, registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses who have an active, unencumbered license in any other U.S. jurisdiction who are entering into the state to respond to the declared emergency.

The Board is hereby waiving any application fee for the temporary permit during the State of Emergency for those applying to practice for the purpose of responding to the declared emergency.

The temporary permit is valid for thirty (30) days; however, the Board will extend the permits while a state of emergency, as declared by the Governor, exists in Georgia. Nurses will not have to submit a request to renew the temporary permit.

Click here for more information
Idaho

“State licensing agencies and departments are authorized to temporarily exercise enforcement discretion, implement temporary rules, and waive licensing and related requirements to maximize access to health care services and provider support in response to COVID-19.”

Click here to read more of Idaho’s licensure update.

Iowa

Until further notice, the Division of Occupational & Professional Licenses will not be admitting any walk-in traffic to help reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. All applicants and licensees will need to transact their business needs through the mail, by phone, via email, or through other means. The most efficient way to renew is to renew online by clicking “Renew Online”. If you need to submit documents for reinstatement, please email them to your board using the information provided on the “Contact Information” link.

For more information, click here

Kansas

To conduct business related to your license, we encourage you to use our web services or one of the services listed below.

For more information, click here

Louisiana

RS 29:760, the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act is referenced, which says, in part “(9) Provide for the temporary appointment, licensing or credentialing of health care providers who are willing to assist in responding to the public health emergency.”

Click here to read more of Louisiana’s licensure update
Maryland

Effective March 12, 2020 Governor Hogan's Executive order has suspended the expiration of professional licenses until further notice

Click [here](#) to read more of Maryland’s licensure update

Massachusetts

Fast track application available

Click [here](#) to read more of Massachusetts’ licensure update

Michigan

Michigan law provides:


• Individuals who were licensed as a health professional but have been retired for five or less years may be eligible to provide services and practice in his/her previously licensed profession under this provision to assist health care providers during the COVID-19 response and while the State of Emergency is in effect.

• In a “time of disaster” may include an individual event (such as a car accident) but it may also include larger scale “natural” or “manmade” disasters. These include, but are not limited to, events that are declared an “Emergency” or a “State of Emergency” by the proper authority (even after the event happened).

• In “rendering medical care” the individual should only render that care if they have the proper “education, training or experience” to perform that care.

• The exemption does NOT allow unlicensed individuals to prescribe Controlled Substances during a disaster. The exemption is for licensure “under this article”, which is Article 15 of the Michigan Public Health Code. The requirements for Controlled Substance Licensure are in Article 7 of the Michigan Public Health Code.
This exemption does not apply to licenses that have been suspended or revoked and does not remove requirements to comply with disciplinary limitations, probationary terms or other requirements imposed by the health professional boards.

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**New York**

** Permits unlicensed individuals, upon completion of training deemed adequate by the Commissioner of Health, to collect throat or nasopharyngeal swab specimens from individuals suspected of being infected by COVID-19, for purposes of testing; and to the extent necessary to permit non-nursing staff, upon completion of training deemed adequate by the Commissioner of Health, to perform tasks, under the supervision of a nurse, otherwise limited to the scope of practice of a licensed or registered nurse.**

Click [here](#) to read more of New York’s licensure update

**Mississippi**

In accordance with Executive Order 1458 issued by Governor Tate Reeves on March 16, 2020, the MS Board of Nursing will be placed in telework status effective March 17, 2020. The Board of Nursing continues to undertake extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, COVID-19, while also ensuring the mission of public safety for the citizens of our state. The Board and staff regret the inconvenience resulting from the present and unavoidable circumstances. Staff members will continue to work diligently via telework to carry out our mission and will address individual cases as soon as they are able to do so.

Click [here](#) to visit the MS state board of nursing for more information

**North Dakota**

3/13/2020 COVID-19 public health concerns are now impacting North Dakota. The North Dakota Board of Nursing (NDBON) Office is closely monitoring federal and state recommendations.

The NDBON office is currently closed to the public due to the ND State of Emergency declaration issued by Governor Burgum related to the COVID-19 coronavirus, however all core functions of the office will be maintained while staff works remotely. The NDBON will continue
to process applications for licensure and accept online submissions of potential violations.

Board staff will be checking email regularly. Due to remote work, please avoid voicemail messages. For the most immediate communication, please email your questions or comments by choosing the specific email address for nursing practice, education, or compliance etc. You will find the email address for each division at https://www.ndbon.org/Contact%20Us/Info.asp. Responses will be made as soon as possible.

Click here to visit the SD state board of nursing for more information

Nevada

3/18/2020 Amid the uncertainty and evolving challenges with COVID-19, the Nevada State Board of Nursing (NSBN) has issued the following mandates: • We have cancelled in-office fingerprinting in both the Reno and Las Vegas offices • All NSBN Advisory meetings scheduled through April, 2020 have been cancelled • We will continue to process applications for licensure and certification, all applications must be submitted through the Nevada Nurse Portal • Temporary licenses may be extended 3 months • The Reno and Las Vegas offices are closed to the public with only core staff available to maintain operations • We will continue to monitor complaints received.

Click here to learn more

North Carolina

I hereby temporarily waive North Carolina licensure requirements for health care and behavioral health care personnel who are licensed in another state, territory, or the District of Columbia to provide health care services within the Emergency Area.

Click here to read more of North Carolina’s licensure update
Ohio

Temporary Licenses

During COVID-19, the Ohio Board of Nursing will prioritize issuing Temporary Permits/Licenses, typically within 3 business days. These licenses do not require “compact” membership or related paperwork. Please go to www.nursing.ohio.gov and click on the large red button, “Licensing-Apply/Renew Online” to quickly complete an online application.

Click [here](#) to read more of Ohio’s licensure update

Oregon

During a state of emergency, the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) allows physicians and physician assistants licensed in another state to provide medical care in Oregon under special provisions. Out-of-state health care professionals who wish to provide care in Oregon during this time must complete this [authorization application](#). See [OAR 847-010-0068](#) for more information.

Click [here](#) and [here](#) to read more of Oregon’s licensure updates.

South Carolina

South Carolina will issue “emergency” nursing and medical licenses to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

Click [here](#) to read more of South Carolina’s licensure update.

South Dakota

NOTICE: By Executive Order, the SDBON’s office will be closed March 16 - 20, 2020 to control the spread of COVID-19; if you need assistance, staff will be available during this week by email or phone. The office will reopen on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. (CST).

Click [here](#) to visit the SD board of nursing
Tennessee

Governor Bill Lee issued Executive Order No. 14 declaring a state of emergency in Tennessee to facilitate the treatment and containment of COVID-19. Implements the Tennessee Emergency Management Plan;
*Permits health care professionals licensed in other states to provide health care services in Tennessee related to COVID-19;
*Allows pharmacists to dispense an extra 30-day supply of maintenance prescriptions as needed in response to COVID-19;
*Allows health care professionals to provide localized treatment to patients in temporary residences;

Click [here](#) to read more of Tennessee’s licensure update.

Texas

On March 14th, Governor Greg Abbott today directed the Texas Medical Board (TMB) and the Texas Board of Nursing (TBN) to fast-track the temporary licensing of out-of-state physicians, physician assistants, certain retired physicians, nurses, and other license types to assist in Texas' response to COVID-19. In accordance with Section 418.171 of Texas Government Code, any out-of-state nurse may practice in Texas for the purpose of rendering aid, provided the nurse holds a current license in good standing in their home state. Therefore, any out-of-state nurse with a license in good standing* is not required to hold a Texas license in order to practice nursing in a disaster relief effort operation setting. Additionally, Texas is a member state of the Nurse Licensure Compact. As such, any LVN or RN holding an active compact license already holds a privilege to practice in Texas.

Click [here](#) to read more of Texas’ licensure update.

Utah

Healthcare professionals who do not hold a current Utah license may work in Utah within their scope of practice under the following temporary emergency exemptions and other existing exemptions. 

Nurses:
*A nurse who is part of the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC) may work in Utah without the need to obtain a license, per the eNLC rules. (If the eNLC nurse decides to designate Utah as the nurse’s primary state of residence, the nurse must notify DOPL and their previous home state and obtain a Utah license.)
*A nurse who is licensed and lawfully practicing in another U.S. state or territory without restrictions or conditions may practice in Utah for the duration of the declared emergency by
obtaining a DOPL Time-limited Emergency License. Time-limited Emergency Licenses expire upon the earlier of 180 days, 30 days from the end of the declared emergency, or upon 10 days’ notice from DOPL. (Time-limited Emergency licenses are issued as a single-state license valid only in Utah, and will not be eligible as a Nurse Interstate Licensure Compact license.) All DOPL fees are waived for these applicants.

*A nurse formerly licensed in Utah or in another U.S. state or territory, whose license was unrestricted and in good standing, may apply for a volunteer health care practitioner license to work exclusively as a volunteer at a qualified location (clinic, hospital, church, etc.). The nurse would work under a delegation of service agreement with an actively licensed supervising professional. All DOPL fees are waived for these applicants.

Visit Utah’s licensee website for more info [here](#).

**Washington**

If volunteers are registered in the volunteer health practitioner system and verified to be in good standing in all states where they are licensed, they may practice in Washington without obtaining a Washington license once activated and assigned by DOH.

Click [here](#) and [here](#) to read more of Washington’s licensure updates.

**Washington, DC**

D.C. Official Code 7-2304.01 is referenced, which says, in part “Appoint licensed health care providers, either from the District of Columbia or from other jurisdictions, as temporary agents of the District of Columbia... (A) In effect solely for the duration of the public health emergency; (B) In effect solely for the purpose of assisting the District of Columbia in implementing the provisions of the District of Columbia response plan...”

This Administrative Order is to set forth requirements under which licensure, registration, or certifications requirements, permits and/or fees shall be waived for healthcare practitioners appointed as temporary agents of the District of Columbia, in order to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Click [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#) to read more of Washington’s licensure updates.