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Administrative Code Citation

Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:37-2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 7.1, and 9.3

Adopted New Rules: N.J.A.C. 13:37-2.4 and 8.4

Text

Nurse Licensure Compact

Proposed: April 20, 2020, at 52 N.J.R. 866(a).

Adopted: August 7, 2020, by the Board of Nursing, Barbara B. Blozen, Ed.D, MA, RN, President.

Filed: April 20, 2021, as R.2021 d.050, **without change.**

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:11-24.

Effective Date: May 17, 2021.

Expiration Date: January 24, 2025.

Summary of Public Comments and Agency Responses:

The official comment period ended June 19, 2020. The Board received comments from Sabeen Masih, Vice President of Public Affairs, Capital Impact Group.

1. COMMENT: The commenter asks what impact N.J.A.C. 13:37-2.4 will have on nurses who are already licensed by the Board. The commenter asks if nurses will need to have both a New Jersey license and a multistate license.

RESPONSE: Nurses will not need to have two licenses. If a nurse who is currently licensed wishes to work in another state that is part of the Nurse Licensure Compact, that nurse would need to apply to the Board for a multistate license; after that, the nurse would just renew and maintain the multistate license. If a nurse does not wish to work in another state, that nurse would not need to obtain a multistate license.

Federal Standards Statement

A Federal standards analysis is not required because there are no Federal laws or standards applicable to the adopted amendments and new rules.

Full text of the adoption follows:

SUBCHAPTER 2. LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION; REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL AND LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES

13:37-2.1 Eligibility requirements

(a)-(b) (No change.)

(c) Applicants shall indicate whether they seek a multistate license, which authorizes a licensee to practice in any state that is part of the Nurse Licensure Compact, or a license without multistate privileges.

13:37-2.2 Application requirements; professional and practical nurses

(a) Each applicant for licensure shall file with the Board:

1. A completed application form, provided by the Board, which requests information concerning the applicant's educational and experiential background and which indicates whether the applicant seeks a multistate license or a license without multistate privileges;

2.-3. (No change.)

13:37-2.3 Application requirements; graduates of foreign nursing programs

(a) An applicant for licensure who graduated from a foreign nursing program shall submit:

1. A completed licensure application for graduates of foreign nursing program, which contains information concerning the applicant's educational and experiential background and which indicates whether the applicant seeks a multistate license or a license without multistate privileges;

2.-4. (No change.)

(b)-(c) (No change.)

13:37-2.4 Multistate licenses

(a) A registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse in good standing who seeks a multistate license, which authorizes a nurse to practice in any state which is part of the Nurse Licensure Compact, shall submit to the Board:

1. A multistate license application, which indicates that the nurse is not currently participating in the Board's Alternative to Discipline Program and that New Jersey is the nurse's primary state of residence;

2. A completed Criminal History Certification of Authorization form; and

3. A non-refundable application fee as set forth at N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.5(a)1.

SUBCHAPTER 7. CERTIFICATION OF ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES

13:37-7.1 Application for certification

(a)-(b) (No change.)

(c) A registered professional nurse who wishes to practice as an advanced practice nurse shall:

[page=937] 1. Possess a current New Jersey registered professional nurse license in good standing or hold a registered professional nurse multistate license from a state which is part of the Nurse Licensure Compact; and

2. (No change.)

(d) (No change.)

SUBCHAPTER 8. NURSING PRACTICE

13:37-8.4 Nurse Licensure Compact regulations

The Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators Final Rules (2019), available from National Council of State Boards of Nursing, 111 East Wacker Drive, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60601-4277 and at <http://www.ncsbn.org/nlcrules.htm>, are incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented.

SUBCHAPTER 9. FORENSIC NURSE-CERTIFIED SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM

13:37-9.3 Application for certification

(a) To be eligible for certification as a FN-CSA, an applicant must:

1. Hold a current license as a registered professional nurse from the Board or a registered professional nurse multistate license from a state which is part of the Nurse Licensure Compact;

2.-4. (No change.)

(b)-(c) (No change.)

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