



Certification Page Regular and Emergency Rules

Revised July 2019

Emergency Rules (Complete Sections 1-3 and 5-6)

Regular Rules

1. General Information		
a. Agency/Board Name Nursing, Board of		
b. Agency/Board Address 130 Hobbs Ave. Suite B	c. City Cheyenne	d. Zip Code 82002
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i. Program General		
2. Legislative Enactment For purposes of this Section 2, "new" only applies to regular (non-emergency) rules promulgated in response to a Wyoming legislative enactment not previously addressed in whole or in part by prior rulemaking and does not include rules adopted in response to a federal mandate.		
a. Are these non-emergency or regular rules new as per the above description and the definition of "new" in Chapter 1 of the Rules on Rules?		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. If the rules are new, please provide the Chapter Numbers and Years Enacted (e.g. 2015 Session Laws Chapter 154):		
3. Rule Type and Information For purposes of this Section 3, "New" means an emergency or regular rule that has never been previously created.		
a. Provide the Chapter Number, Title* and Proposed Action for Each Chapter. Please use the "Additional Rule Information" form to identify additional rule chapters.		
Chapter Number: 2	Chapter Name: Licensure/Certification Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
Chapter Number: 5	Chapter Name: Fees	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
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* If the name of a chapter of rules is changing, please only provide the NEW chapter name on this rules certification form.

4. Public Notice of Intended Rulemaking

a. Notice was mailed 45 days in advance to all persons who made a timely request for advance notice. No. Yes. N/A

b. A public hearing was held on the proposed rules. No. Yes. Please complete the boxes below.

Date:	Time:	City:	Location:

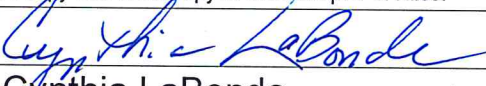
5. Checklist

a. For regular rules, the Statement of Principal Reasons is attached to this Certification and, in compliance with Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. v. Environmental Quality Council, 590 P.2d 1324 (Wyo. 1979), includes a brief statement of the substance or terms of the rule and the basis and purpose of the rule

b. For emergency rules, the Memorandum to the Governor documenting the emergency, which requires promulgation of these rules without providing notice or an opportunity for a public hearing, is attached to this Certification.

6. Agency/Board Certification

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing information is correct. By electronically submitting the emergency or regular rules into the Wyoming Administrative Rules System, the undersigned acknowledges that the Registrar of Rules will review the rules as to form and, if approved, the electronic filing system will electronically notify the Governor's Office, Attorney General's Office, and Legislative Service Office of the approval and electronically provide them with a copy of the complete rule packet on the date approved by the Registrar of Rules. The complete rules packet includes this signed certification page; the Statement of Principal Reasons or, if emergency rules, the Memorandum to the Governor documenting the emergency; and a strike and underscore copy and clean copy of each chapter of rules.

Signature of Authorized Individual	
Printed Name of Signatory	Cynthia LaBonde
Signatory Title	Executive Director
Date of Signature	January 30, 2020

7. Governor's Certification

I have reviewed these rules and determined that they:

- 1. Are within the scope of the statutory authority delegated to the adopting agency;
- 2. Appear to be within the scope of the legislative purpose of the statutory authority; and, if emergency rules,
- 3. Are necessary and that I concur in the finding that they are an emergency.

Therefore, I approve the same.

Governor's Signature	
Date of Signature	



Mark Gordon
Governor

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Statement of Principal Reasons

Chapter 2 – Licensure/Certification Requirements and Chapter 5 - Fees

The Wyoming State Board of Nursing is proposing to amend Chapters 2 - Licensure/Certification Requirements and 5 - Fees. The revisions in Chapter 2 are intended to remove licensure barriers for military personnel and certified nursing assistants, recognize an advanced pharmacology requirement for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) certification exam eligibility, and to clarify licensure and competency requirements for nurses who hold both an APRN and Registered Nurse (RN) license. The revisions in Chapter 2 also require advanced skill certification applicants, i.e. Licensed Practical Nurses and Certified Nurse Assistants, to submit an application and pay a nominal fee for processing and verification of advanced skill certifications.

Other changes to Chapter 2 are intended to clarify Temporary Permit language, provide retired nurses an opportunity to maintain a license, add language to comply with Senate File 0047 (2019) and to reduce barriers to licensure by changing continuing competency requirements.

The revisions in Chapter 5 are intended to add a nominal fee to cover licensure processing and verification of advanced skill certifications for LPNs and CNAs.

The Concise Summary of Comments and Responses to Chapter 2: Licensure/Certification Requirements and Chapter 5: Fees identifies the time frame for the public comment period, the methods by which the licensing base was notified of the proposed revisions and the action the Board took with respect to the comments received.

We are requesting revisions to Chapters 2 and 5 be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Concise Summary of Comments and Responses to **Chapter 2: Licensure/Certification Requirements and** **Chapter 5: Fees**

- Licensing base notified by:
 - Notice of Intent published in Casper Star Tribune newspaper November 7, 2019.
 - Notice of Intent posted in the quarterly WSBN publication, Wyoming Nurse Reporter (WNR), Vol. 15, Number 3, Fall 2019, page 29, and mailed to all licensed nurses.
 - Documentation posted on WSBN website November 7, 2019 to December 30, 2019.
- Public comment period open from November 7, 2019 to December 27, 2019:
 - 19 comments were received during the public comment period. Of the 19 comments:
 - 11 received from Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN), with a licensure base of 920.
 - 2 of the 11 APRNs submitted multiple emails with comments.
 - 3 of the 11 APRNs submitted exact duplicate comments.
 - 3 received from Registered Nurses (RN), with a licensure base of 9,199.
 - 1 received from WSBN staff.
 - 1 received from American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).
 - No comments were received from Licensed Practical Nurses, with a licensure base of 976.
 - No comments were received from Certified Nursing Assistants, with a licensure base of 5,207.
 - 1 of the comments viewed the APRN changes as positive.
 - 1 of the comments was opposed to any changes.

- Majority of comments related to changes to APRN requirements and suggested minor non-substantive wording changes to clarify existing language or complete removal of language in Chapter 2, Section 2.
- The Board accepted changes to the rules based on the following comments:
 - Eliminate Chapter 2, Section 2 specifically “An APRN, RN or LPN/VN who chooses to practice nursing below their highest level of licensure, shall also hold an active Wyoming License or privilege to practice at the lower level.”
 - Eliminates mandates for dual licensure which may adversely affect the delivery of nursing care. Under the current rule, licensees are sometimes confused which license’s scope of practice or licensing requirements apply to certain conduct. The Board will clarify those issues in advisory opinions or guidance rather than in rule.
 - Add the following language to Chapter 2, Section 13: “An APRN who holds an active Wyoming RN license shall only be required to meet the continuing competency requirement of the APRN in Section 13(c).”
 - Allows an APRN, who also holds a separate RN license, to use APRN practice hours to satisfy RN renewal continuing competency requirements, thus reducing the renewal continuing competency requirements for the APRN.
 - Modify language in Chapter 2, Section 13(d)(ii) to read, “If the applicant has not engaged in four hundred (400) hours of active nursing practice or two hundred (200) hours of active nursing practice and fifteen (15) hours of continuing education during the last five (5) years, the applicant shall....”
 - Clarifies competency requirements after five (5) years of non-nursing practice.
- The Board accepted changes to the rules based on a specific portion of the comments:
 - Modify language in Chapter 2, Section 5 and Chapter 5, Section 4(h) to remove the word “recognitions” from the phrase “other certifications/recognitions.”

- Before adopting the APRN nurse licensure compact, an RN who met the requirements for APRN licensure was considered to have an “RN license with APRN recognition.” As RN and APRN licensure were separated with the adoption of the APRN nurse licensure compact in 2016, RN and APRN licenses are distinct and independent of one another, eliminating the need for the term “recognition.”
- Add language to Chapter 2, Section 3(a)(iii), to clarify whether APRNs are required to maintain RN licenses.
 - RN and APRN licenses were separated with the adoption of the APRN nurse licensure compact. This has resulted in some confusion regarding whether the Board requires APRN to maintain active RN licenses. The Board’s rules currently only require APRN applicants to complete a national APRN certification examination, but different certification boards have different requirements regarding RN licensure, which contributes to the confusion in this area. The Board proposed to add the following language in response to this comment:
 - “All national APRN certification boards require an active, unencumbered RN license for initial national certification, but not all boards require an active, unencumbered RN license for renewing national certification.”
 - “Because APRN licenses and RN licenses are separate under the Nurse Practice Act, an APRN applicant who requires a Wyoming RN license for initial or renewal national certification will need to submit a separate RN application and pay the appropriate fees.”
- Add language “does not include RN license” to APRN Licensure Fee Schedule in Chapter 5, Section 4(d)((e)(f)(i)(k) as a reminder and professional courtesy to APRNs.
- Add the word “national” and “beyond initial national certification” to clarify the type of renewal certification for APRNs in Chapter 5, Section 4(g)(ii).

- The Board did not accept changes to the rules based on the following comments:
 - Add descriptions of Wyoming proof of residency in rule.
 - Proof of residency options are identified on the RN and LPN/VN online applications.
 - Retain the fifteen (15) hours of continuing education for APRN pharmacology requirements.
 - APRNs are required to maintain national certification which includes significant pharmacology education. As national certification is required to be licensed as an APRN in WY, WSBN is assured the APRN is receiving pharmacology education. It would be redundant to impose a duplicate requirement.
 - Separate “licensure” from “certification” in Chapter 5, Section 4(d)(e)(i)(j)(k).
 - This proposed modification is unnecessary as CNAs are certified, not licensed.
 - Add “total costs for dual licensure for APRNs and RNs” in Chapter 5’s fees structure.
 - The current licensing system the Board uses to process applications for separate licenses cannot accommodate this request. It is possible that future updates to this system could accommodate this request.
 - Link initial or renewal APRN with RN licensure.
 - When the Legislature adopted the APRN compact, it split APRN licenses and RN licenses into distinct licenses. The Board issues these licenses separately with distinct license numbers. Therefore, the Board rejected this comment.
 - Remove “privilege to practice” language in the proposed Chapter 2, Section 2(t).
 - The Board must define “privilege to practice” as nurses from other states with multistate licenses may be granted “privilege to practice” in Wyoming. Wyo. Stat. Ann. §§ 33-21-202, 33-21-302.
 - Make no changes.
 - The Board rejected this comment.

- The Board sent an initial response to each individual that provided comments to recognize receipt of comment and identify the review process.

- The Board sent a final response to each individual that provided comments which identified the action the Board took with respect to their comment.

CHAPTER 2

LICENSURE / CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Section 1. Statement of Purpose.

(a) These Board Rules are adopted to implement the Board's authority to establish and regulate the requirements and procedures for application and renewal of a license, certificate, or permit.

(b) An applicant for licensure, certification or permit shall have committed no acts that were grounds for disciplinary action, or if the act was committed, the State has found after investigation that sufficient restitution has been made and the applicant no longer presents a threat to the public safety.

Section 2. Definitions.

(a) "Active nursing practice" means engagement in paid, unpaid, or volunteer activity in which the nurse applies knowledge or clinical judgment in a way that influences patients, nurses, organizations or systems. Active nursing practice may include volunteering in health or nursing professional organizations.

(b) "CBC" means Criminal Background Check. Fingerprints or other biometric data are submitted in connection with an application for initial licensure by exam or endorsement, for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the agency responsible for retaining the State's criminal records.

(c) "Continuing competency" for a nurse is the ongoing ability of a nurse to maintain, update and demonstrate sufficient knowledge, skills, judgment and qualifications necessary to practice safely and ethically in a designated role and setting in accordance with the scope of nursing practice. A nurse achieves continuing competency through active nursing practice and continuing education.

(d) "Continuing competency" for a CNA is the ongoing ability of a CNA to maintain, update and demonstrate sufficient knowledge, skills and qualifications necessary to practice safely and ethically in the designated role and setting in accordance with the role of the CNA. A CNA achieves continuing competency through employment in the CNA role and continuing education.

(e) "Continuing education" refers to learning experiences obtained after initial licensure or certification and designed to augment the knowledge and skills of nurses and CNAs and enrich their contributions to quality health care and the pursuit of nursing career goals.

(f) "Equivalent" means equal to or exceeding the requirements as stated in these Board rules.

- (g) “GAPRN” means Graduate Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.
- (h) “GN” means Graduate Nurse.
- (i) “GNA” means Graduate Nursing Assistant/Nurse Aide.
- (j) “GPN” means Graduate Practical Nurse.
- (k) “GVN” means Graduate Vocational Nurse.
- (l) “Home state” means the party state which is the nurse’s primary state of residence.
- (m) “IV” means intravenous.
- (n) “IV-C” means intravenous certified.
- (o) “Multistate license” means a license to practice as a RN or LPN/VN issued by a home state licensing board that authorizes the licensed nurse to practice in all party states under a privilege to practice.
- (p) “NATCEP” means Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program.
- (q) “NLC” means the enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact enacted on March 1, 2016. The NLC is a mutual recognition model of nurse licensure that allows a nurse to have one license, issued by the state in which the nurse claims primary residence, to practice in all states entered into the NLC. An applicant must meet all of the NLC Uniform Licensure Requirements to be eligible for a multistate license.
- (r) “Party state” means any state that has adopted the NLC.
- (s) “Primary state of residence” means the state in which the licensee resides when applying for a multistate license.
- (t) “Privilege to practice” means a legal authorization associated with a multistate license permitting the practice of nursing as either a RN or LPN/VN in a remote state.
- (u) “Refresher course” means a planned nursing education program approved by the Board relating to basic review of current nursing practice, nursing theory and skills, and specifically planned for nurses who have not been engaged in active nursing practice and are preparing for re-entry into active nursing practice.
- (v) “Remote state” means a party state, other than the home state.
- (w) “Renewal cycle” means the period for meeting competency for renewal of

licensure or certification which is from January 1st of every odd year to December 31st of every even year.

(x) “Single state license” means a nursing license issued by a party state that authorizes practice only within the issuing state and does not include a multistate licensure privilege to practice in any other party state.

(y) “SBTPE” means State Board Test Pool Examination. An examination which preceded NCLEX to test the competency of a person to perform safely as a newly licensed nurse.

(z) “Uniform Licensure Requirements” means the requirements for an applicant to obtain or retain a multistate license in the home state.

Section 3. Licensure/Certification by Examination.

(a) APRN. Applicant shall:

(i) Graduate from a nationally accredited graduate or post-graduate level advanced practice nurse educational program;

(ii) Complete a program of study in a role and population focus area of advanced practice nursing;

(iii) Successfully pass a national certification examination in the same role and population focus area of their program of graduate study;

(A) All national APRN certification boards require an active, unencumbered RN license for initial national certification, but not all boards require an active, unencumbered RN license for renewing national certification.

(B) Because APRN licenses and RN licenses are separate under the Nurse Practice Act, an APRN applicant who requires a Wyoming RN license for initial or renewal national certification will need to submit a separate RN application and pay the appropriate fees.

(iv) Submit completed application and fees;

(v) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees; and

(vi) Comply with Section 5, if applicable.

(b) RN or LPN/VN. Applicant shall:

(i) Graduate from a licensing board-approved RN or LPN/VN pre-licensure nursing education program;

(ii) Submit completed application and fees;
(iii) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees; and
(iv) Successfully pass the NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN examination, accordingly.

(A) The Board shall notify the applicant of official test results.
(B) If an applicant fails the NCLEX, the applicant may retake the NCLEX and shall:

(I) Submit completed application and fees for licensure by re-examination; and

(II) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees, as needed.

(C) An applicant may sit for the NCLEX no more than ten (10) times within a five (5) year period following graduation.

(D) The five (5) year period following graduation may be waived for LPN graduates of approved military equivalency programs.

(c) CNA. Applicant shall:

(i) Graduate from a state approved CNA training and competency evaluation program;

(ii) Submit completed application and fees;

(iii) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees; and

(iv) Successfully pass the NATCEP or similar national exam.

(A) The Board shall notify the applicant of official test results.

(B) An applicant may sit for the NATCEP or similar national exam no more than five (5) times within a two (2) year period following graduation.

Section 4. Licensure/Certification by Endorsement.

(a) An applicant who is unable to provide satisfactory verification of education, training, or competency shall be required to meet the requirements for licensure or certification by examination.

(b) APRN. Applicant shall:

(i) Graduate from a nationally accredited graduate or post-graduate level advanced practice nurse educational program or have completed an accredited APRN education program prior to January 1, 1999;

(ii) Complete a program of study in a role and population focus area of advanced practice registered nursing;

(iii) Submit evidence of current national certification in the same role and population focus area of graduate study from the certifying body;

(iv) Submit verification of an active APRN license from another jurisdiction;

(v) Submit completed application and fees;

(vi) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees; and

(vii) Comply with Section 5, if applicable.

(c) RN or LPN/VN. Applicant shall:

(i) Graduate from a licensing board-approved RN or LPN/VN pre-licensure nursing education program;

(ii) Submit verification of an active license from another jurisdiction;

(iii) Submit completed application and fees;

(iv) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees;

(v) Successfully pass a NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN examination or a recognized predecessor examination (SBTPE);

(vi) Submit verification of initial state of licensure by examination; and

(vii) Submit evidence of meeting competency under Section 13.

(d) CNA. Applicant shall:

(i) Graduate from a state approved CNA training and competency evaluation program;

(ii) Submit verification of an active certificate from another jurisdiction;

(iii) Submit completed application and fees;

- (iv) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees;
- (v) Submit verification of initial state of certification by examination; and
- (vi) Submit evidence of meeting competency under Section 13.

Section 5. Other Certifications.

- (a) APRN Additional Certification. Applicant shall:
 - (i) Submit completed application and fees; and
 - (ii) Submit evidence of completion of coursework for each certification.
- (b) APRN Prescriptive Authority. Applicant shall:
 - (i) Submit completed application and fees; and
 - (ii) Submit evidence of completion of advanced pharmacology.
- (c) LPN/VN IV. Applicant shall:
 - (i) Meet qualifications for LPN/VN licensure by examination or endorsement;
 - (ii) Submit completed application and fees; and
 - (iii) Submit evidence of completion of LPN/VN IV-C coursework or an equivalent course from another licensing jurisdiction.
- (d) Medication Aide-Certified (MA-C). Applicant shall:
 - (i) Meet qualifications for State CNA II certification;
 - (ii) Complete a Board-approved MA-C training and competency evaluation program;
 - (iii) Submit completed application and fees and evidence of MA-C course completion; and
 - (iv) Successfully pass a national MA-C examination.
- (e) CNA II. Applicant shall:
 - (i) Meet qualifications for CNA by examination or endorsement;

- (ii) Complete a Board-approved CNA II training and competency evaluation program; and
 - (iii) Submit completed application and fees and evidence of CNA II course completion.
- (f) Home Health Aide. Applicant shall:
- (i) Meet qualifications for CNA by examination or endorsement;
 - (ii) Complete a Board-approved Home Health Aide training and competency evaluation program (sixteen (16) hours); and
 - (iii) Submit completed application and fees; and evidence of Home Health Aide training completion.

Section 6. Licensure of Foreign Educated RN or LPN/VN.

- (a) Applicant shall:
- (i) Graduate from a foreign RN or LPN/VN pre-licensure nursing education program that has been:
 - (A) Approved by the authorized approving body in the applicable country; and
 - (B) Verified by an independent credential review agency, approved by the Board, to be comparable to a Board-approved pre-licensure nursing education program.
 - (ii) Submit written evidence of English proficiency by:
 - (A) Indicating English as the individual's native language; or
 - (B) Graduating from a foreign pre-licensure nursing education program taught in English; or
 - (C) Successfully passing an English proficiency examination that includes the components of reading, speaking, writing and listening;
 - (iii) Submit verification from an independent credential review agency, approved by the Board, for:
 - (A) Graduation from a foreign RN or LPN/VN pre-licensure nursing education program; and
 - (B) English proficiency, if English is not the first language of the

applicant;

- (iv) Submit completed application and fees;
- (v) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees; and
- (vi) Successfully pass an NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN examination; or
- (vii) Successfully pass a recognized predecessor examination (SBTPE).

(b) If an applicant fails the NCLEX, the applicant may retake the NCLEX and shall:

- and
- (i) Submit completed application and fees for licensure by re-examination;
 - (ii) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees, as needed.

(c) An applicant may sit for the NCLEX no more than ten (10) times within a five (5) year period following graduation.

Section 7. Temporary Permit.

(a) A temporary permit may be issued for the following upon submission of a completed application and fee:

- or
- (i) Graduate Temporary Permit for licensure or certification exam applicants;
 - (ii) Temporary Permit while applicant seeking licensure or endorsement.

(b) A temporary permit:

- (i) Shall not exceed ninety (90) days for endorsement applicants;
- (ii) Shall be issued only one (1) time per licensure type; and
- (iii) May be revoked by the Board at any time.

(c) Graduate Temporary Permit.

(i) The Board may issue a graduate temporary permit for all exam applicants. A graduate temporary permit shall not include:

- (A) Prescriptive authority for G APRNs.
- (B) Ability to work as a Home Health Aide for GNAs.

- (ii) A graduate temporary permit holder shall:
 - (A) Be held to the established standards of nursing practice and CNA role; and
 - (B) Practice under appropriate direction and supervision.
- (iii) A GNA temporary permit is valid for 120 days.
- (iv) If the applicant does not successfully pass the initial national examination, the graduate temporary permit shall expire and the applicant shall not practice in the State.

Section 8. Biennial Renewal of Licensure and Certification.

- (a) The Board shall make application(s) for renewal of licensure and certification available on the Board website on or before October 1st of every even year.
- (b) Failure to receive a renewal notice from the Board does not excuse an APRN, RN, LPN/VN or CNA from the requirements for renewal under the NPA or these Board Rules.
- (c) An APRN, RN, LPN/VN or CNA seeking renewal shall:
 - (i) Submit completed renewal application and fees; and
 - (ii) Submit evidence of meeting competency under Section 13.

Section 9. Failure to Renew.

- (a) All licenses and certificates expire on December 31st of the renewal year.
- (b) Unless an APRN, RN, LPN/VN or CNA renews his or her license or certification on or before December 31st, the APRN, RN, LPN/VN or CNA shall not practice after December 31st of the renewal year.
- (c) On January 1st after the renewal year, an APRN, RN, LPN/VN, or CNA's license or certification that was not renewed shall lapse.
- (d) An APRN, RN, LPN/VN, or CNA shall not resume practice until the APRN, RN, LPN/VN or CNA submits a completed relicensure/recertification application and the Board issues a license or certificate.
- (e) Any APRN, RN, LPN/VN, or CNA who practices on an expired or lapsed license or before the Board issues a license or certificate shall be subject to discipline.

Section 10. Relicensure/Recertification. Applicant seeking relicensure or

recertification shall:

- (a) Submit completed application and fees;
- (b) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees; and
- (c) Submit evidence of meeting competency under Section 13.

Section 11. Inactive Status and Reactivation.

(a) The Board may grant an APRN, RN, LPN/VN or CNA request for inactive status, which includes retired licensure/certification.

(b) The APRN, RN, LPN/VN or CNA shall not practice nursing in this State until the license or certificate is reactivated. Applicant may apply for reactivation and shall:

- (i) Submit completed application and fees;
- (ii) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees; and
- (iii) Submit evidence of meeting competency under Section 13.

(c) If the APRN, RN, LPN/VN or CNA was under investigation or on a conditional license at the time inactive status was granted, the investigation or conditions shall continue upon reactivation.

Section 12. Reinstatement of Licensure and Certification.

(a) An APRN, RN, LPN/VN or CNA whose license or certificate has been revoked, surrendered, suspended, or conditioned may apply for reinstatement and shall:

- (i) Submit completed application and fees;
- (ii) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees;
- (iii) Submit evidence of meeting competency under Section 13;
- (iv) Submit evidence of compliance with the previous Board's order or correction of underlying conduct; and
- (v) Submit evidence demonstrating just cause for reinstatement.

(b) Licenses or certificates that were suspended pursuant to Wyoming Statute § 33-21-146(b) shall be reinstated pursuant to Wyoming Statute § 20-6-112(c).

Section 13. Competency for Licensure/Certification Continuing In Or Returning

To Practice.

(a) An APRN who holds an active Wyoming RN license shall only be required to meet the continuing competency requirements of the APRN in Section 13(c).

(b) Timeframe for meeting competency.

(i) If an applicant is renewing his or her license or certificate, competency shall be met during the renewal cycle.

(ii) For those applicants seeking licensure or certification by endorsement, reactivation, reinstatement, relicensure/recertification, or returning to practice, competency shall be met during the timeframe identified prior to date of application.

(c) APRN.

(i) An APRN shall demonstrate continuing competency by submitting evidence of:

(A) Current national certification as an APRN in the recognized role and population focus area; or

(B) If recognized as an APRN in the State prior to January 1, 1999, and has maintained continuous licensure, but is not nationally certified, the APRN shall submit evidence of:

(I) Sixty (60) hours of continuing education related to the APRN's recognized role and population focus area; and

(II) Four hundred (400) hours of active nursing practice as an APRN during the last two (2) years.

(ii) An APRN with prescriptive authority shall also submit evidence of three (3) hours of continuing education related to the responsible prescribing of controlled substances or treatment of substance abuse disorders.

(d) RN/LPN/VN.

(i) A RN or LPN/VN shall demonstrate continuing competency by completing one of the following in the past two (2) years:

(A) Four hundred (400) hours of active nursing practice; or

(B) Two hundred (200) hours of active nursing practice and fifteen (15) hours of continuing education; or

- (C) Thirty (30) hours of continuing education; or
- (D) Successfully pass the NCLEX.

(ii) If the applicant has not engaged in four hundred (400) hours of active nursing practice or two hundred (200) hours of active nursing practice and fifteen (15) hours of continuing education during the last five (5) years, the applicant shall:

(A) Successfully complete a refresher course or the equivalent, accepted by the Board; or

(B) Successfully complete a nursing education program that confers a degree beyond the applicant's basic nursing education; or

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(i) A CNA shall demonstrate continuing competency by completing one of the following in the past two (2) years:

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(C) Thirty (30) hours of continuing education; or

(D) Successfully pass the NATCEP.

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(f)	Renewal	
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CHAPTER 2

LICENSURE / CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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(a) "Active nursing practice" means engagement in paid, unpaid, or volunteer activity in which the nurse applies knowledge or clinical ~~judgement~~ judgment in a way that influences patients, nurses, organizations or systems. Active nursing practice may include volunteering in health or nursing professional organizations.

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(c) "Continuing competency" for a nurse is the ongoing ability of a nurse to maintain, update and demonstrate sufficient knowledge, skills, judgment and qualifications necessary to practice safely and ethically in a designated role and setting in accordance with the scope of nursing practice. A nurse achieves continuing competency through active nursing practice and continuing education.

(d) "Continuing competency" for a CNA is the ongoing ability of a CNA to maintain, update and demonstrate sufficient knowledge, skills and qualifications necessary to practice safely and ethically in the designated role and setting in accordance with the role of the CNA. A CNA achieves continuing competency through employment in the CNA role and continuing education.

(e) "Continuing education" refers to learning experiences obtained after initial licensure or certification and designed to augment the knowledge and skills of nurses and CNAs and enrich their contributions to quality health care and the pursuit of nursing career goals.

~~(f) "eNLC" means the enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact enacted on March 1, 2016. The eNLC is a mutual recognition model of nurse licensure that allows a nurse to have one license, issued by the state in which the nurse claims primary residence, to practice in all states~~

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~~(e)(f)~~ “Equivalent” means equal to or exceeding the requirements as stated in these Board rules.

~~(h)(g)~~ “GAPRN” means Graduate Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.

~~(i)(h)~~ “GN” means Graduate Nurse.

~~(j)(i)~~ “GNA” means Graduate Nursing Assistant/Nurse Aide.

~~(k)(j)~~ “GPN” means Graduate Practical Nurse.

~~(l)(k)~~ “GVN” means Graduate Vocational Nurse.

~~(m)(l)~~ “Home state” means the party state which is the nurse’s primary state of residence.

~~(n)(m)~~ “IV” means intravenous.

~~(o)(n)~~ “IV-C” means intravenous certified.

~~(p)(o)~~ “Multistate license” means a license to practice as a RN or LPN/VN issued by a home state licensing board that authorizes the licensed nurse to practice in all party states under a multistate licensure privilege to practice.

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~~(q)(p)~~ “NATCEP” means Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program.

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~~(s)(r)~~ “Party state” means any state that has adopted the eNLC.

~~(t)(s)~~ “Primary State of Residence” means the state in which the licensee resides when applying for a multi-state license.

~~(t)(t)~~ “Privilege to practice” means a legal authorization associated with a multistate license permitting the practice of nursing as either a RN or LPN/VN in a remote state.

(u) “Refresher course” means a planned nursing education program approved by the Board relating to basic review of current nursing practice, nursing theory and skills, and specifically planned for nurses who have not been ~~actively employed in nursing~~ engaged in active nursing practice and are preparing for re-entry into active nursing practice.

(v) “Remote state” means a party state, other than the home state.

(w) “Renewal cycle” means the period for meeting competency for renewal of licensure or certification which is from January 1st of every odd year to December 31st of every even year.

(x) “Single-state license” means a ~~nurse~~ nursing license issued by a party state that authorizes practice only within the issuing state and does not include a multistate licensure privilege to practice in any other party state.

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~~(aa) —“VN” means Vocational Nurse.~~

Section 3. Licensure/Certification by Examination.

(a) APRN. Applicant shall:

(i) Graduate from a nationally accredited graduate or post-graduate level advanced practice nurse educational program;

(ii) Complete a program of study in a role and population focus area of advanced practice nursing;

(iii) Successfully pass a national certification examination in the same role and population focus area of their program of graduate study;

(A) All national APRN certification boards require an active, unencumbered RN license for initial national certification, but not all boards require an active, unencumbered RN license for renewing national certification.

(B) Because APRN licenses and RN licenses are separate under the Nurse Practice Act, an APRN applicant who requires a Wyoming RN license for initial or renewal national certification will need to submit a separate RN application and pay the appropriate fees.

(iv) Submit completed application and fees;

(v) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees; and

~~(vi) Submit evidence of meeting competency under Section 13.; and~~

(vi) Comply with Section 5, if applicable.

(b) RN or LPN/VN. ~~(i)~~ Applicant shall:

~~(A)~~(i) Graduate from a licensing board-approved RN or LPN/VN pre-licensure nursing education program;

~~(B)~~(ii) Submit completed application and fees;

~~(C)~~(iii) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees; and

~~(D)~~(iv) Successfully pass ~~a~~ the NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN examination, accordingly.

~~(ii)~~(A) The Board shall notify the applicant of official test results.

~~(iii)~~(B) If an applicant fails the NCLEX, the applicant may retake the NCLEX and shall:

~~(A)~~(I) Submit completed application and fees for licensure by re-examination; and

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~~(iv)~~(C) ~~The Board may allow a~~ An applicant to ~~may~~ sit for the NCLEX no more than ten (10) times within a five (5) year period following graduation.

~~(v)~~(D) The five (5) year period following graduation may be waived for LPN graduates of approved military equivalency programs.

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~~(A)~~(i) Graduate from a state approved CNA training and competency evaluation program;

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~~(C)~~(iii) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees; and

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Section 4. Licensure/Certification by Endorsement.

(a) An applicant who is unable to provide satisfactory verification of education, training, or competency shall be required to meet the requirements for licensure or certification by examination.

(b) APRN. Applicant shall:

(i) Graduate from a nationally accredited graduate or post-graduate level advanced practice nurse educational program or have completed an accredited APRN education program prior to January 1, 1999;

(ii) Complete a program of study in a role and population focus area of advanced practice registered nursing;

(iii) Submit evidence of current national certification in the same role and population focus area of graduate study from the certifying body;

(iv) Submit verification of an active APRN license from another jurisdiction;

(v) Submit completed application and fees;

~~(vi)~~ Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees; and

~~(vii) Submit evidence of meeting competency under Section 13.; and~~

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(ii) Submit verification of an active license from another jurisdiction;

(iii) Submit completed application and fees;

(iv) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees;

(v) Successfully pass a NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN examination or

a recognized predecessor examination (SBTPE);

- (vi) Submit verification of initial state of licensure by examination; and
 - (vii) Submit evidence of meeting competency under Section 13.
- (d) CNA. Applicant shall:
- (i) Graduate from a state approved CNA training and competency evaluation program;
 - (ii) Submit verification of an active certificate from another jurisdiction;
 - (iii) Submit completed application and fees;
 - (iv) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees;
 - (v) Submit verification of initial state of certification by examination; and
 - (vi) Submit evidence of meeting competency under Section 13.

Section 5. Other Certifications/~~Recognitions.~~

- (a) APRN Additional Certification. Applicant shall:
- (i) Submit completed application and fees; and
 - (ii) Submit evidence of completion of coursework for each certification.
- (b) APRN Prescriptive Authority. Applicant shall:
- (i) Submit completed application and fees; and
 - (ii) Submit evidence of completion of advanced coursework in pharmacology. ~~and clinical management of drug therapy within the five (5) year period immediately before the date of application, specifically:~~
 - ~~(A) Two (2) semester credit hours; or~~
 - ~~(B) Three (3) quarter credit hours; or~~
 - ~~(C) Thirty (30) contact hours of coursework.~~
- (c) LPN/VN IV. Applicant shall:
- (i) Meet qualifications for LPN/VN licensure by examination or

endorsement;

- ~~(ii) Complete a licensing board approved LPN/VN IV-C course; or~~
- ~~(iii) Complete an equivalent course from another licensing jurisdiction; and~~

(ii) Submit completed application and fees; and

~~(iv)(iii) Submit evidence of completion of an LPN/VN IV-C coursework or an equivalent course from another licensing jurisdiction.~~

(d) Medication Aide-Certified (MA-C). Applicant shall:

- (i) Meet qualifications for State CNA II certification;
- (ii) Complete a Board-approved MA-C training and competency evaluation program;
- (iii) Submit completed application and fees; and evidence of MA-C course completion; and
- (iv) Successfully pass a national MA-C examination.

(e) CNA II. Applicant shall:

- (i) Meet qualifications for CNA by examination or endorsement;
- (ii) Complete a Board-approved CNA II training and competency evaluation program; and
- (iii) Submit completed application and fees and evidence of ~~completion~~ of CNA II course completion.

(f) Home Health Aide. Applicant shall:

- (i) Meet qualifications for CNA by examination or endorsement;
- (ii) Complete a Board-approved Home Health Aide training and competency evaluation program (sixteen (16) hours); and
- ~~(iii) Submit evidence of completion of a Home Health Aide training and competency evaluation program.~~

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(a) Applicant shall:

(i) Graduate from a foreign RN or LPN/VN pre-licensure nursing education program that has been:

(A) Approved by the authorized approving body in the applicable country; and

(B) Verified by an independent credential review agency, approved by the Board, to be comparable to a Board-approved pre-licensure nursing education program.

(ii) Submit written evidence of English proficiency by:

(A) Indicating English as the individual's native language; or

(B) Graduating from a foreign pre-licensure nursing education program taught in English; or

(C) Successfully passing an English proficiency examination that includes the components of reading, speaking, writing and listening;

(iii) Submit verification from an independent credential review agency, approved by the Board, for:

(A) Graduation from a foreign RN or LPN/VN pre-licensure nursing education program; and

(B) English proficiency, if English is not the first language of the applicant;

(iv) Submit completed application and fees;

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Section 7. Temporary Permit.

(a) A temporary permit may be issued for the following upon submission of a completed application and fees.

or (i) Graduate Temporary Permit for licensure or certification exam applicants;

(ii) Temporary Permit while applicant seeking licensure or endorsement; or

~~(iii) Temporary Permit without Licensure or Certification for an applicant not seeking permanent licensure or certification.~~

(b) A temporary permit ~~is non-renewable and may be revoked by the Board at any time;~~

(i) Shall not exceed ninety (90) days for endorsement applicants;

(i) Shall be issued only one (1) time per licensure type; and

(iii) May be revoked by the Board at any time.

(c) Graduate Temporary Permit.

(i) The Board may issue a graduate temporary permit for all exam applicants. ~~APRN, RN, LPN/VN and CNA applicant. However, a~~ A graduate temporary permit shall not include:

(A) Prescriptive authority for GAPRNs.

(B) Ability to work as a Home Health Aide for GNAs.

(ii) A graduate temporary permit holder shall:

(A) Be held to the established standards of nursing practice and CNA role; and

(B) Practice ~~only~~ under appropriate direction and supervision, as follows:

(I) ~~GAPRN supervised by APRN within the same specialty or physician;~~

(II) ~~GN, GPN or GVN supervised by an APRN or RN; or~~

~~(III) GNA supervised by an APRN, RN, or LPN/VN.~~

(iii) A GNA temporary permit is valid for 120 days.

~~(iii)(iv)~~ If the applicant does not successfully pass the initial national examination, the graduate temporary permit shall expire and the applicant ~~cannot~~ shall not practice nursing in the State.

~~(d) Temporary Permit while seeking Licensure or Certification. An APRN, RN, LPN/VN, or CNA applicant seeking licensure or certification may request a temporary permit.~~

~~(e) Temporary Permit without Licensure or Certification.~~

~~(i) An APRN, RN, LPN/VN, or CNA applicant not seeking permanent licensure or certification may request a temporary permit.~~

~~(ii) Applicant shall:~~

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~~(B) Submit completed application and fee; and~~

~~(C) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fee.~~

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(a) The Board shall make application(s) for renewal of licensure and certification available on the Board website on or before October 1st of every even year.

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(c) An APRN, RN, LPN/VN or CNA seeking renewal shall:

(i) Submit completed renewal application and fees; and

(ii) Submit evidence of meeting competency under Section 13.

Section 9. Failure to Renew.

(a) All licenses and certificates expire on December 31st of the renewal year.

(b) Unless an APRN, RN, LPN/VN or CNA renews his or her license or certification on or before December 31st, the APRN, RN, LPN/VN or CNA shall not practice after December 31st of the renewal year.

(c) On January 1st after the renewal year, an APRN, RN, LPN/VN, or CNA's license or certification that was not renewed shall lapse.

(d) An APRN, RN, LPN/VN, or CNA shall not resume practice until the APRN, RN, LPN/VN or CNA submits a completed relicensure/recertification application and the Board issues a license or certificate.

(e) Any APRN, RN, LPN/VN, or CNA who practices on an expired or lapsed license or before the Board issues a license or certificate shall be subject to discipline.

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- (b) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees; and
- (c) Submit evidence of meeting competency under Section 13.

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- (i) Submit completed application and fees;
- (ii) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees; and
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~~(b)~~(c) APRN.

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(f)	Renewal	
(i)	APRN (includes initial national certification <u>and does not include RN license</u>)	\$180
(ii)	RN	\$110
(iii)	LPN	\$90
(iv)	CNA	\$50
(v)	Inactive/Retired	\$30
(g)	Additional APRN Fees	
(i)	Initial Application	
(A)	Additional Certification(s) (fee for each)	\$70
(B)	Prescriptive Authority	\$70

(ii)	Renewal	
	(A) Renewal of E each <u>National Certification beyond initial National Certification</u>	\$70
	(B) Prescriptive Authority	\$70
<u>(h)</u>	<u>Other Certifications</u>	
(i)	<u>LPN/VN IV</u>	\$5
(ii)	<u>Medication Aide-Certified (MA-C)</u>	\$5
(iii)	<u>CNA II</u>	\$5
(iv)	<u>Home Health Aide</u>	\$5
(h) <u>(i)</u>	<u>Relicensure/Recertification/Reinstatement</u>	
(i)	APRN (includes initial national certification <u>and does not include RN license</u>)	\$255
(ii)	RN	\$135
(iii)	LPN	\$120
(iv)	CNA	\$60
(h) <u>(j)</u>	<u>Inactive/Retired Licensure/Certification (APRN/RN/LPN/CNA)</u>	\$30
(h) <u>(k)</u>	<u>Reactivation Licensure/Certification</u>	
(i)	APRN (includes initial national certification <u>and does not include RN license</u>)	\$180
(ii)	RN	\$110
(iii)	LPN	\$90
(iv)	CNA	\$50
(h) <u>(l)</u>	<u>Verification of Licensure & Certification</u>	\$40
(h) <u>(m)</u>	<u>Name Change</u>	\$20
(m) <u>(n)</u>	<u>Credit/Debit Card Processing</u>	\$5

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- (i) Photocopy Charge per page 20¢
- (ii) Data Requests TO BE DETERMINED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS

~~(o)~~ (p) Nursing Education Program Approval

- (i) Initial ACTUAL COSTS INCURRED (not to exceed \$5,000.00)
- (ii) Periodic ACTUAL COSTS INCURRED (not to exceed \$5,000.00)