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Meeting the continuing education requirement for renewal by licensed nurses.

- (A) Except in the case of the first renewal after licensure by examination, to be eligible to renew an active license to practice nursing in Ohio, the following continuing education requirements shall be met during the immediately preceding licensure renewal period:
- (1) A nurse who held an active license to practice nursing in Ohio for a period of time that is less than or equal to one year shall complete twelve contact hours of continuing education which meets the requirements of this chapter of the Administrative Code; or
 - (2) A nurse who held an active license to practice nursing in Ohio for more than one year shall complete twenty-four contact hours of continuing education which meets the requirements of this chapter of the Administrative Code.
- (B) On or after September 1, 2001 for registered nurses and on or after September 1, 2002 for licensed practical nurses, and for every reporting period thereafter, including the reporting periods set forth in paragraphs (A) and (C) of this rule, at least one of the required hours of continuing education must be directly related to Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code and the rules of the board in Chapters 4723-1 to 4723-23 of the Administrative Code.
- (C) To restore an inactive or lapsed license to practice nursing in Ohio, the applicant shall complete twenty-four hours of continuing education during the twenty-four months immediately preceding application for restoration of licensure.
- (D) A nurse shall verify completion of the continuing education required by this rule on the application for relicensure provided by the board and, at the discretion of the board, may be required to show proof of completion of approved continuing education. Failure to so verify or provide such proof shall result in ineligibility to renew or restore a license to practice nursing in Ohio until the continuing education requirement is met.
- (E) Before being issued a current license by the board, a nurse who is ineligible to renew or restore a license to practice nursing in Ohio due to failure to provide proof satisfactory to the board of meeting the continuing education requirement, may be required to show completion of up to forty-eight contact hours of continuing education within the forty-eight months immediately preceding application for relicensure.
- (F) A nurse may use a waiver to satisfy the continuing education requirement for one reporting period only, and the nurse shall notify the board in writing requesting the

waiver. Once a nurse notifies the board of the intent to use the waiver, the waiver shall not be rescinded and use of the waiver shall be documented by the board on the nurse's license to practice nursing. This waiver shall not be utilized to satisfy the requirements of rule 4723-8-10 of the Administrative Code.

(G) Any licensed nurse or certified dialysis technician engaged in active military duty and deployed to a hostile area for more than twelve months shall not be required to have completed the continuing education requirement during any part of a licensure period during which such status occurred. The nurse or dialysis technician may be required to provide proof of such military status upon request.

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