4723-7-01 **Definitions.**

As used in this chapter,

- (A) "Authorization to test" means the authorization to take the examination for licensure issued by the testing service to an eligible applicant.
- (B) "Eligible applicant" means an individual who applies for licensure by examination whom the board has determined in accordance with section 4723.09 of the Revised Code and this chapter, is eligible to take the examination.
- (C) "Examination" or "examination for licensure" means the NCLEX-RN or the NCLEX-PN.
- (D) "Foreign educated nurse graduate" means an individual who has completed a nursing education program that is not located within a jurisdiction of the national council of state boards of nursing.
- (E) "Inactive" means the status of a license or certificate of an individual who has made a request in writing for the board to place the license or certificate on inactive status and who has returned the license or certificate to the board. An individual with an inactive license or certificate does not hold a current, valid license or certificate.
- (F) "Jurisdiction of the national council of state boards of nursing" means any state, territory, or political subdivision of the United States in which a board or legal approving authority regulates nurse licensure and nursing practice and maintains membership in the national council of state boards of nursing.
- (G) "Lapsed" means the status of a license or certificate of an individual who has failed to fulfill all requirements of license or certificate renewal, and who has failed to request that the board place the license or certificate on inactive status.
- (H) "NCLEX-PN" means the national council licensing examination for practical nurses developed and administered by the national council of state boards of nursing.
- (I) "NCLEX-RN" means the national council licensing examination for registered nurses developed and administered by the national council of state boards of nursing.
- (J) "Reactivate" means to change the status of a license or certificate from inactive to active.
- (K) "Registered nursing education program" means a professional nursing education program that leads to initial licensure as a registered nurse.
- (L) "Reinstate" means to change the status of a license or certificate from lapsed or suspended to reinstated.
- (M) "Testing service" means the entity with which the national council of state boards of

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nursing contracts or arranges for the development and administration of the examination.

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