

TO BE RESCINDED

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The examination for licensure as a nurse.

- (A) The "National Council Licensure Examination-RN" shall be the approved examination for licensure as a registered nurse in Ohio.
- (B) The "National Council Licensure Examination-PN" shall be the approved examination for licensure as a licensed practical nurse in Ohio.
- (C) The board shall cause examinations to be administered in several Ohio cities.
- (D) The registered nurse examination for licensure or the practical nurse examination for licensure may be taken once every three months, or in accordance with policy determined by the national council of state boards of nursing.
- (E) When an applicant for licensure by examination does not take the licensure examination within one year from the date the applicant is determined eligible for the examination, the application shall be considered void and the fee forfeited. If through no fault of the board the applicant is not determined eligible within one year from receipt of an application by the board, the application shall be considered void and the fee forfeited. The application shall clearly state the circumstances under which forfeiture may occur.
- (F) Provided the policies of the national entity administering the licensure examination so allow, the following procedure shall be followed when a natural disaster, such as a flood, tornado, blizzard, earthquake or other similar natural phenomena, prevents a candidate for licensure by examination, in the area affected by the disaster, from appearing at the licensure examination testing center at the scheduled time of the examination:
 - (1) The candidate shall notify the board within seventy-two hours of the time of the scheduled licensure examination about the occurrence of a natural disaster preventing the candidate from appearing at the appointed testing center at the scheduled time of the examination. The notice shall include the location of the testing center, the location of the candidate, the day and time of the scheduled licensure examination, and the type of disaster that occurred;
 - (2) If the natural disaster is one which is officially declared by an appropriate federal, state, or county official, the board shall verify with an official of the emergency management association that the site of the disaster prevents or prevented the candidate's appearance at the testing center at the scheduled time of the examination;

- (3) If the natural disaster is not one which is officially declared by an appropriate federal, state, or county government official, the candidate shall, within ten business days after notifying the board of the disaster in accordance with paragraph (F)(1) of this rule:
- (a) Provide to the board a written, certified statement which shall include the candidate's name and address, the name of the nursing education program from which the candidate graduated, the location of the test center, the day and time of the scheduled testing appointment, and the reason the candidate did not or will not appear for the scheduled licensure examination; and
 - (b) Provide from either a newspaper of general circulation, an emergency response agency on agency letterhead, or the director of the county emergency management agency on agency letterhead verification that the natural disaster prevents or prevented the candidate's appearance at the licensure examination testing center at the scheduled time of the examination;
- (4) When the board receives from the candidate the notification and verification required by this rule, within the time frame set forth in this rule, the board shall notify the test administrator that a natural disaster prevents or prevented the candidate's appearance at the testing center at the scheduled time of the examination and shall request the notified entity to take the steps necessary to allow the candidate to reschedule the testing appointment without penalty;
- (5) When a candidate for licensure by examination in Ohio is taking the licensure examination at a testing center located in a jurisdiction other than Ohio, the candidate shall comply with paragraphs (F)(1) to (F)(3) of this rule when a natural disaster prevents or prevented the candidate from appearing at the testing center at the scheduled time of the examination. When the board receives the verification required by this paragraph, the board shall notify the nurse licensure board or other recognized authority regulating nurse licensure in the jurisdiction in which the testing center is located and request completion of the notification process set forth in paragraph (F)(4) of this rule; and
- (6) When a candidate seeking licensure in a jurisdiction other than Ohio is taking the examination at a testing center located in Ohio, the candidate shall notify the nurse licensure board or other recognized authority regulating nurse licensure in the jurisdiction where licensure is sought that a natural disaster prevents or prevented the candidate's appearance at the testing center at the scheduled time of the licensure examination. Upon request by the nurse

licensure board or other recognized authority regulating nurse licensure in the jurisdiction where licensure is sought, the Ohio board shall seek verification of the reported natural disaster in accordance with paragraph (F)(2) or (F)(3) of this rule, and upon verification, shall notify the test administrator that a natural disaster prevents or prevented the candidate's appearance at the testing center at the scheduled time of the examination and shall request the notified entity to take the steps necessary to allow the candidate to reschedule the testing appointment without penalty.

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