

4723-7-02**Requirements and application for licensure by examination as a nurse.**

(A) The NCLEX-RN shall be the approved examination for licensure as a registered nurse in Ohio.

(B) The NCLEX-PN shall be the approved examination for licensure as a licensed practical nurse in Ohio.

(C) To apply for licensure by examination to practice nursing as a registered nurse in Ohio, an applicant shall have successfully completed a registered nursing education program that satisfies one of the following:

(1) Is approved by the board in accordance with section 4723.06 of the Revised Code and Chapter 4723-5 of the Administrative Code;

(2) Is approved by a jurisdiction of the national council of state boards of nursing;
or

(3) Has been determined to be acceptable by the board for a foreign educated nurse graduate in accordance with rule 4723-7-04 of the Administrative Code.

(D) To apply for licensure by examination to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse in Ohio, an applicant must have successfully completed a practical nursing education program that satisfies one of the following:

(1) Is approved by the board in accordance with section 4723.06 of the Revised Code and Chapter 4723-5 of the Administrative Code;

(2) Is approved by a jurisdiction of the national council of state boards of nursing;
or

(3) Has been determined to be acceptable by the board for a foreign educated nurse graduate in accordance with rule 4723-7-04 of the Administrative Code.

(E) In addition to the requirements set forth in paragraphs (C) and (D) of this rule, an applicant for licensure by examination shall comply with all of the following:

(1) Submit to the board a completed application in a form required by the board;

(2) In accordance with section 4723.09 of the Revised Code, submit to a criminal records check completed by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in a form prescribed by the board the results of which indicate that the individual has not been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or had a judicial finding of guilt for any violation set forth in section 4723.09 of the Revised Code;

(3) Submit to the board the applicable licensure application fee as set forth in

section 4723.08 of the Revised Code; and

(4) Complete the registration process for examination required by the testing service.

(F) In addition to meeting the applicable requirements set forth in this rule, prior to the board determining an applicant is eligible to take an examination, the board shall have received the following:

(1) For an applicant who has successfully completed an Ohio nursing education program approved by the board in accordance with section 4723.06 of the Revised Code and Chapter 4723-5 of the Administrative Code, written notification of completion of the program submitted directly by the education program administrator or designee to the board in accordance with paragraph (B)(9) of rule 4723-5-09 of the Administrative Code.

(2) For an applicant who has successfully completed a nursing education program approved by a jurisdiction of the national council of state boards of nursing, other than Ohio, an official transcript from the nursing education program submitted directly by the education program administrator or designee to the board that sets forth the completed program requirements and the date on which it was completed.

(3) For an applicant who is a foreign educated nurse graduate, the information set forth in paragraph (A) of rule 4723-7-04 of the Administrative Code.

(G) The board may propose to deny admission to the licensure examination pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. Based on the results of the adjudication, the board may grant admission to the licensure examination, deny admission to the licensure examination, or condition admission to the licensure examination on the applicant's successful correction of the area of deficiency identified by the board.

(H) If an application for licensure by examination submitted to the board remains incomplete for one year, the application shall be considered void and the fee submitted with the application shall be forfeited. All applications provided or prescribed by the board shall state this limitation.

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