



GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure

P.O. Box 304247
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
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Memo

To: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) and Registered Professional Nurses (RN)

From: Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure: Ann Douté, MSN, RN, Chairperson

Date: June 2019

Re: Renewal of APRN and RN Registration Certification (License)

All nurses are responsible for the biannual renewal of nursing registration licenses/certificates for either ACTIVE or INACTIVE status even though a renewal application might not have been received by mail.

Renewal applications are available from the office of the Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure (VIBNL), and the Human Resources departments at the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center, Schneider Regional Medical Center, and the Virgin Islands Department of Health. Note: The temporary physical address of the VIBNL is 9048 Sugar Estate, 5th Floor Room 5078, St. Thomas, VI 00802.

It is a violation of the Virgin Islands Code to work with a lapsed Registration Certificate (License). See *Lapsed Registration* on page 2 for further information.

Discipline: Self disclosure is required for all misdemeanors, felonies, plea agreements (even if adjudication was withheld), and any substance use disorder within the last five (5) years. All complaints or disciplinary actions taken or pending against professional or occupational license(s), registration(s), or certification(s) must be disclosed. Failure to do so may result in a disciplinary action by the VIBNL.

Registration Fee: The fees for renewal of Registration Certificates (Licenses) for active/inactive status are as follows:

- Registered Nurse: \$125.00
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse: \$150.00
- Inactive Fee \$15.00

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. The Board's office will be closed to the public for end-of-year reconciliation from December 20th, 2019 through January 2nd, 2020 and will reopen on January 3rd, 2020.

Application Deadline: Note: Completed renewal packets should be returned to the VIBNL as soon as applicants have fulfilled all stipulated renewal requirements. Although current biennium Registration Certificates do not expire until December 31st, 2019, *to ensure receipt of your 2020-2021 Registration Certificate prior to the expiration date, renewal applications must be received by the VIBNL no later than October 31, 2019.* This allows adequate time for the VIBNL

to complete administrative review, processing and mailing of the Registration Certificate prior to the end of the current biennium. Registration Certificates for the 2020-2021 biennium may not be able to be processed by January 1st, 2020 if renewal applications are received by the VIBNL after October 31, 2019.

Lapsed Registration for active license: Active licensure renewal applications that are complete but postmarked after December 31, 2019 will be considered **LAPSED** and will require submission of a lapsed penalty fee of \$200.00 in addition to the renewal fee in order to renew the license.

Inactive Status: Nurses who apply for an Inactive Registration Certificate (License) must complete a renewal application and submit the **inactive registration fee of \$15.00** by the December 31, 2019. ***If not renewed by the December 31st deadline, an additional \$30.00 lapsed registration fee plus the \$15.00 inactive fee must be submitted.***

Signature: Signature and date of signature must be included on all renewal forms or the application will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.

Fees are Non-Refundable and Non-Transferrable and are payable only by U.S. Postal Service money order, or certified bank check. ***Personal checks and international payment instruments will NOT be accepted.***

CONTINUED COMPETENCY FOR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE RENEWAL MUST INCLUDE COMPLETION OF TWO (2) OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Continuing Education

Continued Competency: The Continuing Education Record must be completed and submitted with the renewal application. **Certificates of Completion SHOULD NOT be included** with renewal application however, random file audits will be conducted and those licensees whose files are audited, will be required to produce hard copies of **ALL** Certificates of Completion for contact hours listed on the renewal form. Failure to produce valid Certificates of Completion may result in disciplinary action.

DOCUMENTATION OF CONTACT HOURS and PROVIDER NUMBERS must be included on the Continuing Education Record or the renewal application will be considered INCOMPLETE and it will not be processed until completed .

RNs: Fifteen (15) contact hours of continuing education related to nursing practice. Contact hours may be obtained online, by attending workshops, or through individual study (e.g. certification preparation).

1.5 hours must be related to the prevention of medication errors.

APRNs: Thirty (30) contact hours of continuing education within the specialty area of nursing practice and submission of proof of current national certification within that specialty.

1.5 hours must be related to the prevention of medication errors.

New Graduates: Nurses who graduated and received their initial license during the prior biennium are not required to complete the continuing education requirements for renewal.

College Credit(s): Any nursing or health-related college credits* completed within the previous biennium may be utilized using the following equation: number of course credits x length of course (in weeks). **Example: 3 credits x 15 weeks = 45 CEUs**

2. Verification of Employment or Professional Activities

Three hundred twenty (320) hours of active nursing practice in the previous biennium which must be certified by the supervisor or designee on the Employer Verification section of renewal application. APRNs are required to submit an updated Collaborative Agreement.

OR

Participation in fifteen (15) hours of approved professional activities documented and certified by supervisor, client or manager of the activity, or organization on the ***Professional Activity Form*** obtainable from the VIBNL.

Refresher Courses: Nurses who have **not been engaged in ACTIVE** nursing practice during the last five (5) years, and who want to **return to ACTIVE** nursing practice, must complete a one-hundred and sixty (160) hour refresher course that includes both theory and clinical hours and that is ***pre-approved*** by the VIBNL.

License Re-activation: Any license that has been inactive for more than ten (10) years shall automatically be suspended. To re-activate a defunct license, applicants must complete all requirements needed for an active license and submit supporting documentation.

Official Verification: Lapsed and Inactive applicants not residing within the territory of the US Virgin Islands are required to submit a copy of an unencumbered nursing license that is valid for at least 90 days from the date on the renewal application **and** an Official Verification (obtainable at www.nursys.com). Fees associated with Official Verification are the responsibility of the applicant.

Name Change: Official supporting documentation (e.g. marriage license, divorce decree) must be submitted to the VIBNL **immediately** upon any change of name.

Address Change: The VIBNL must be notified immediately ***in writing*** of any change in address and/or telephone number. Changes may be submitted via mail or email. Note: contact the VIBNL by phone for appropriate email address. Temporary phone number (340) 774-7477 extension 5673, 5681, or 5697.

Communication: Should you have questions, need clarification, or directions to the office of the VIBNL, please do not hesitate to contact the Board staff. We are committed to keeping you informed about the renewal of your registration.

Additional Contact Information:

Temporary Physical Address:
Schneider Regional Medical Center
5th Floor Room 5086
St. Thomas, VI

Note: Please use the following address when mailing overnight parcels to the VIBNL.

9048 Sugar Estate 5th Floor Room 5086
St. Thomas, VI 00802



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Renewal Fees:	APRN \$150.00
	RN \$125.00
	LPN \$100.00
Inactive Fee:	\$15.00
Lapsed Fees:	Active Status \$200.00
	Inactive Status \$30.00

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION RENEWAL TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE /REGISTERED NURSE/ ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE

VI License # _____
LPN RN APRN

Please check this box if your information has changed since your last renewal. Submit proof of name change to complete your application if applicable.

Social Security # _____ - _____ - _____

Name _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial Maiden Name

Marital Status: S M D W

Mailing Address _____
Street or PO Box City State ZIP or Postal Code

Email _____

Employment Status
(Please Circle One)

Tel #: Home () - - Cell () - - Work () - -

Highest Level of Education (if changed from last renewal) _____

- 1. Full Time
- 2. Part Time
- 3. Unemployed

Employment – Principal Field
(Please Circle One)

Employment - Current Position
(Please Circle One)

- 1. Hospital
- 2. Long Term Care
- 3. School of Nursing
- 4. Private Duty/Home Health
- 5. School Nurse
- 6. Hospice Care
- 7. Occupational Health
- 8. Medical/Dental Office
- 9. Community Health
- 10. Telehealth
- 11. Self-Employed
- 12. Other _____

- 1. Administrator/ Assistant Administrator
- 2. Chairperson/Vice-chairperson
- 3. Professor/ Instructor
- 4. Supervisor/Clinical Care Coordinator
- 5. Head Nurse/Assistant Head Nurse
- 6. Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
- 7. Registered Nurse
- 8. Licensed Practical Nurse
- 9. Other _____

Employment - Location

- 1. In Territory _____
(Island)
- 2. Out of Territory _____
(State)

Have there been any complaints or disciplinary actions taken or pending against your professional nursing or occupational license, registration, or certification? Yes () No ()

If Yes, Where _____ License # _____ Please attach explanation and supporting documents.

Disclosure is required by submission of a separate document, of ALL misdemeanors, felonies, plea agreements (even if adjudication was withheld), and any actions taken or initiated against a professional or occupational license, registration, or certification and/or any substance use disorder within the last five (5) years.

FAILURE TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN DENIAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL

My signature on this application certifies to the best of my knowledge and belief that all the information I have provided on this form and in any accompanying document(s) is true, accurate and complete.

_____/_____/_____
SIGNATURE DATE

Employers, please complete the following:

My signature confirms that the above licensee worked at least 320 hours within the last biennium as an APRN / RN / LPN
(Circle One)

Please provide supporting documentation for the reason employee did not work at least 320 hours within the last biennium.

Name of Facility/Organization: _____

Address of Facility: _____

Period of Employment: _____ Tel.# _____

Did the position require the employee to hold a current APRN/RN/LPN license? ___ Yes ___ No

Verified by _____ Title: _____
Signature of Supervisor/Clinical Care Coordinator, Human Resources Manager, Nurse Recruiter

_____/_____/_____
(PRINT NAME) Date:

OFFICE USE	
Paid	_____
Renew	_____
Registration	_____
Do Not Renew	_____
Board Review	_____



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AGREEMENT OF COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP

Between

_____, MD

&

_____, MSN, APRN

This Agreement of Collaborative Relationship has been made and is now duly written between _____, MD and _____, APRN as of this ____ day of _____, 20____. Said agreement which is being submitted as a required of the Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure (VIBNL), shall show the intent for the following mutual collaborative responsibilities between the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) and the Physician.

1. The Physician agrees to be available to the APRN for consultation collaboration and referral as necessary.
2. The APRN agrees to practice within the Scope of Practice as defined in the Rules and Regulations established by the VIBNL.
3. Both parties agree to maintain high ethical and professional standards.

It is understood that any changes in this Agreement must be submitted to the VIBNL within 30 days of the change.

Respectfully Submitted,

Print Name of Physician

Print Name of APRN

Signature of Physician

Signature of APRN

Witness

Date



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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY FORM

Use this form to document fulfillment of practice requirement as an **ALTERNATIVE** to meeting the stipulation of 320 hours of active nursing practice.

Complete Section 1 and submit this form to the organization/agency/association where the volunteer professional activities were performed for validation. Completed form must be submitted with other renewal documents.

Section 1

I, _____ am complying with the competency requirements of my nursing registration to practice as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, a Registered Nurse, or a Licensed Practical Nurse and hereby authorize the release of information as required on this form.

Name: _____ Social Security #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Section 2

EMPLOYER/ORGANIZATION/ASSOCIATION

Please complete the information below:

This is to verify that _____ performed _____ hours
(Name of Nurse) (Number)

of work/volunteer activity for _____ at
(Organization)

(Address)

Description of work/volunteer activity _____

Start Date: _____

Date of Completion: _____

Verified by: _____
Print Name

Title/Position: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

COMPETENCIES

1. **Continuing Education** – Five (5) of fifteen required contact hours must be obtained through seminars or a formalized continuing education offering (i.e.: professional association conferences, on-line courses, Board approved community-based offerings, university offerings).
2. **Professional Activities** – 15 hours of participation in a professional activity.
 - a) Active participation as an officer, in a professional nursing or health-related organization.
 - b) Author or contribute to an article, book, or publication related to nursing and health care.
 - c) Develop and present a health-related educational offering to a professional or lay audience.
 - d) Design and conduct a research study relating to nursing and health care.
 - e) Volunteer or engage in community service related to nursing and health care.
 - f) Provide full time, unpaid care and/or non-registry private duty nursing — (friend or relative).
 - g) Functioning in the role of Examiner, Proctor, and/or Rater for licensing and/or certification exams.
 - h) Other professional activities pre-approved by the Board.

Alternative Methods for Meeting Competency Requirements

A nurse may meet continued competency requirements by providing the Board with documentation of one of the following:

1. Completion of a Board **pre-approved** refresher course consisting of both theory and clinical components that is at least 160 hours in length.
2. Attainment of a degree or documentation of successful completion (transcript) of two required courses of formal nursing education beyond basic educational requirements for the original license.
3. Successful completion of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination (NCLEX/CAT)
4. Attainment of certification for specialty areas in nursing or demonstration of maintenance of specialty certification.