



## Notice of Proposed Changes in the Regulations of the Alaska Board of Nursing

### Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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#### 1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

##### **12 AAC 44.290; 12 AAC 44.305; 12 AAC 44.317; 12 AAC 44.400; 12 AAC 44.800; 12 AAC 44.805.**

- These proposed changes will streamline and clarify the application process, decreasing the administrative burden of approving individual English language proficiency programs.

- These changes will decrease barriers to licensure, ease the application process for those applicants who are graduates of a foreign prelicensure education program not taught in English (or if English is not the individual's native language), and will ensure protection of the public by having a standardized way for applicants to demonstrate English proficiency.

##### **12 AAC 44.317. Reinstatement of a Lapsed or Retired Status License**

- These proposed changes will update the requirements for lapsed or retired status licenses (that have been in that status for more than one year, but less than five years).

- Adding the requirement for details of an applicant's international nursing license history will bring the language up to date with the remainder of the section.

##### **12 AAC 44.810. Application for Certification**

- These changes are proposed to update the requirements for an application for certification as a certified nurse aide to align with the current processes and maintain consistency across all disciplines.

##### **12 AAC 44.845. Classroom Curriculum**

- The proposed changes will update the requirements for curriculum for CNA's to meet federal recommendations relating to patients with dementia or other neurodegenerative diseases.

##### **12 AAC 44.965. Delegation of the Administration of Medication**

- The proposed changes will clarify who the administration of medication can be delegated to. This clarification will add certified medical assistants (CMA's) to the list of approved members of the healthcare team. This change will align delegation authority and will assist healthcare teams' efficiency.

**12 AAC 44.990. Definitions**

- This proposed change will add a definition for the term “cognitively impaired individual”.

**2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?**

There is no expected cost to comply with the proposed regulations.

**3. When will the regulations be effective?**

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Board action, the adopted regulations goes to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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