



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, .305, .400, .800, and .805. The proposed regulations will clarify and update the initial licensure or certification requirements for nurse applicants that have been foreign educated as to what the English proficiency test requirements are for licensure. Applicants educated outside of the U.S. or Canada will have to demonstrate successful completion of an exam for foreign trained nurses.

12 AAC 44.318. The proposed regulations will streamline and ease licensing requirement for courtesy licensure, and extend the length of courtesy license from 30 to 120 consecutive days and may be renewed for one additional period. COVID-19 pandemic has brought to light the need for front line healthcare workers. This regulation change will decrease barriers to licensure for those nurses who are serving in Alaska for a limited period of time.

12 AAC 44.610. The proposed regulations will remove the requirement for the board to maintain a list of accrediting agencies for continuing education contact hours and the need for individual agency approval. This will decrease limitations of continuing education units to those only approved by the board and open up approval to all approved by a national accrediting agency.

12 AAC 75.858. The proposed regulations will remove who publishes/creates the CNA programs annual pass rate report provided to the board. Removal of particular company in regulation who are not presently providing the information to the board. The National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) does not report annual data for Alaska CNA sites.

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

None known.

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.

Do you have a question that is not answered here? Please email RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov so it can be added.