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As of July 20, 2016 KBN records show:

RN Active: 69,088

LPN Active: 14,835

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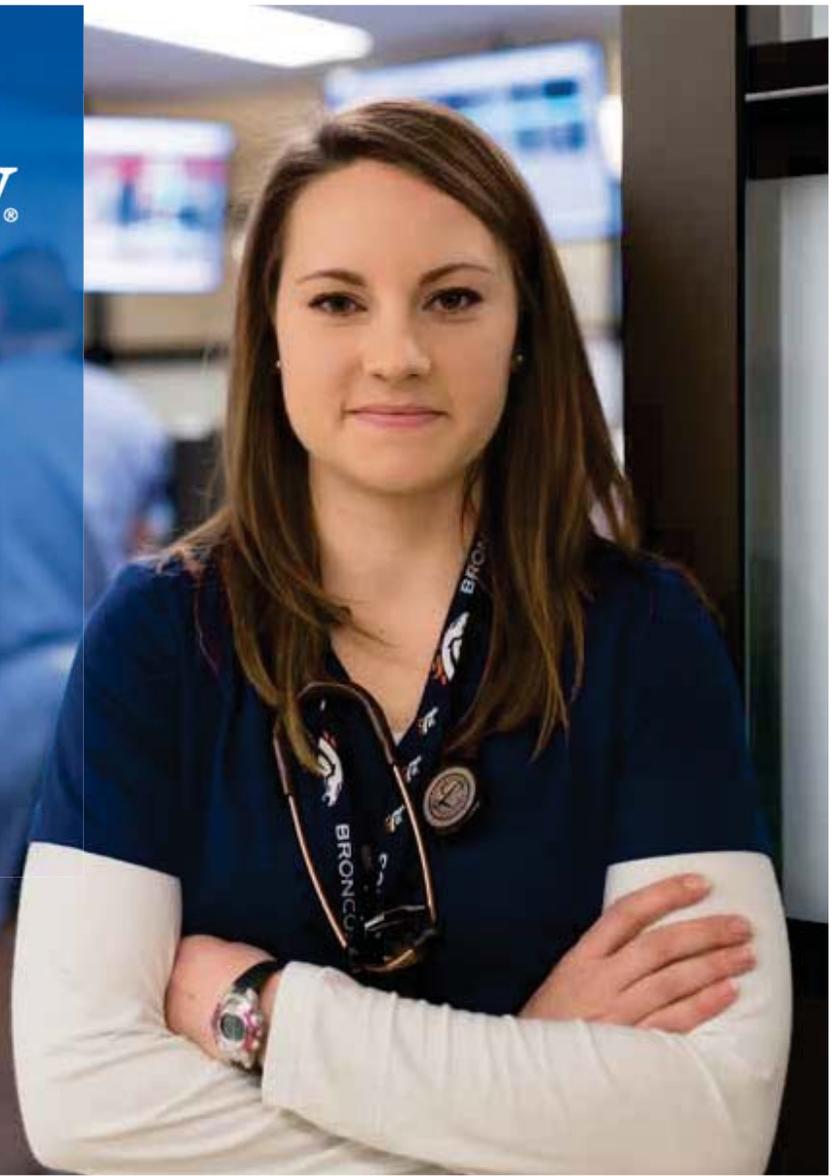
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Dialysis Technicians Active: 547

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sat down to write this edition's message, I began to reflect on my Nursing Career, of which I am entering my twilight. I am truly thankful to my colleagues on the Board to have entrusted me with the duties of President for the upcoming year. Serving with me will be Lewis Perkins, APRN as Vice-President, Natalie Tate, LPN as Secretary and Anita Simmons as Financial Officer. I pledge to do my best to execute the duties and fulfill the mission of the Board which is *To Protect the Public*.

I have been so fortunate to have practiced what I have called the noblest profession known to man for almost 40 years. I am a first generation college graduate and the first nurse in the family. My dad was a military corpsman stationed in Germany in the early 1950's who pursued a career in electronics after discharge. After high school and during summers from college, I worked at a small local hospital as an orderly, then as an EMT driving the ambulance that was stationed at the hospital. Working at that local hospital is where I discovered the possibility of a nursing career. I began as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the mid 1970's working my way to my present position as Dean of Allied Health & Nursing at a local community college. Shortly after my career began, my wife became a nurse then my oldest daughter and finally both my sons are practicing nurses. Even my brother and my two sisters-in-law became nurses. As you can see, nursing truly became a family calling.

There have been so many changes in the nursing profession since I began my career and the KBN is constantly maneuvering itself to stay on the forefront of changes and implementing legislation to coincide with those changes. We are discussing plans to propose legislation for the enhanced nurse licensure compact. We have developed an updated strategic plan and this year some changes to the Education Administrative Regulations went into effect. These regulations are constantly evolving with the ever changing advances in practice and the need to keep up educationally with those changes. Telehealth is another area that is gaining popularity nationwide and will require our attention as well as the move for legalization of marijuana in many states and many other issues.

As you can see the Board has a full complement of issues to manage and with the help of the other officers and KBN members and staff, we will continue to fulfill the mission of the Kentucky Board of Nursing which is to protect the well-being of the public by development and enforcement of state laws governing the safe practice of nursing, nursing education and credentialing.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jimmy T. Isenberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jimmy Isenberg, PhD, RN
President, Kentucky Board of Nursing



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues in Nursing and Others:

This issue of the KBN Connection serves as the Board's official notification of the 2016 Licensure renewal period beginning September 15, 2016 and ending at midnight on October 31, 2016. There is important information about the licensure renewal process and the corresponding continuing competency requirements for licensure renewal in this issue. Please make sure to read this information thoroughly. Should you have questions about this information, renewal requirements or any other questions, please contact the Board office via email or telephone.

In the 2016 session of the KY General Assembly, KBN had pursued enactment of the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact. (Previous issues of the KBN Connection have described the updated Nurse Licensure Compact adopted by the NCSBN in May 2015.) An articulate and persuasive proponent of the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact bill (House Bill 286), Representative Addia Wuchner sponsored HB 286 and worked with her colleagues in both chambers of the General Assembly to pass this legislation. HB 286 passed successfully out of the state House of Representatives as well as the Senate Licensing and Occupations Committee. Unfortunately, HB 286 was not called for a full vote of the Senate and ultimately died when the session ended.

Appreciation is expressed to Rep. Wuchner for her tireless efforts to shepherd this legislation through the legislative process.

The Board, at its regular meeting in April 2016, determined that sponsorship of this important legislative initiative will again be pursued in the 2017 session of the KY General Assembly.

For your reference, there is an article detailing other important legislative initiatives from the 2016 session of the KY General Assembly later in this publication. Please make sure to read it as it contains potentially helpful information relevant to nursing practice in the Commonwealth.

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Since the last issue of the KBN Connection was published, KBN welcomed Melissa Hutchinson, Practice Assistant, and Jessica Hill, Education Assistant in the Professional Support Branch. Courtney Gilmore joined KBN as the Office Coordinator in the Administrative Support Section. Jennifer Cotter RN, and Lisa Dunsmore RN, joined KBN as Nurse Investigators in the Investigation Branch. Sherry Murray RN, Case Manager, joined the Compliance Branch of KBN, and Karen Stevens has joined KBN as a Legal Secretary in the Executive Branch.

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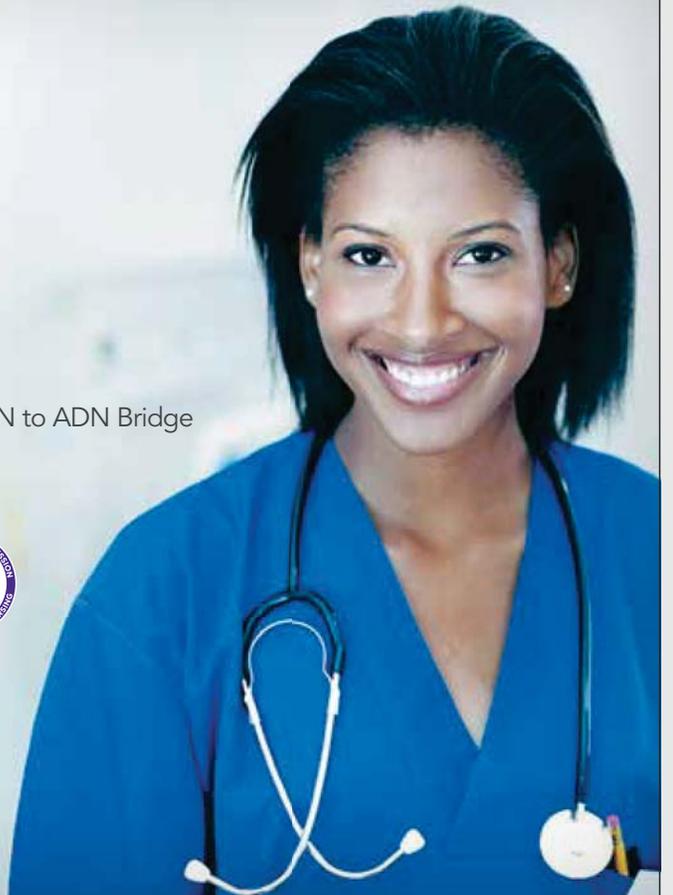
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Approved Nursing Programs As of 7/26/16

Program Name	Current Status	Program Name	Current Status
DNP/APRN		Hopkinsville Community College	Approved
Eastern Kentucky University	Approved	ITT Technical Institute - Lexington	Approved
Frontier Nursing University	Approved	ITT Technical Institute - Louisville	Approved
Kentucky State University	Initial	Jefferson Community & Technical College	Approved
Murray State University	Approved	Kentucky State University	Approved
Northern Kentucky University	Developmental (CRNA)	Lincoln Memorial University - Corbin Campus	Approved
University of Kentucky	Approved	Madisonville Community College	Approved
University of Louisville	Developmental	Maysville Community & Technical College (Main)	Approved
Western Kentucky University	Approved	Maysville Community & Technical College - Cynthiana/Licking Valley	Approved
		Midway University	Approved
Master's Degree Nursing Leading to APRN		Morehead State University (Main)	Approved
Bellarmine University	Approved	Morehead State University - Mt. Sterling	Approved
Eastern Kentucky University	Approved	Owensboro Community & Technical College	Approved
Frontier Nursing University	Approved	Somerset Community College (Main)	Approved
Indiana Wesleyan University	Approved	Somerset Community College - Laurel/London	Approved
Kentucky Christian University	Developmental	Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College - Bowling Green	Approved
Morehead State University	Developmental	Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College - Glasgow	Approved
Murray State University	Approved	Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College (Main)	Approved
Northern Kentucky University	Approved	Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College - Pineville	Approved
Spalding University	Approved	Spencerian College	Approved
University of Louisville	Approved	University of Pikeville	Approved
University of the Cumberlands	Developmental	West Kentucky Community & Technical College	Approved
Western Kentucky University	Approved	Western Kentucky University (Main)	Approved
		Practical Nursing	Current Status
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing		Ashland Cmty. & Technical College - Roberts Drive	Approved
Bellarmine University	Approved	ATA College	Approved
Berea College	Approved	Beckfield College	Approved
Eastern Kentucky University	Approved	Big Sandy Community & Technical College - Mayo/Paintsville	Approved
Galen College of Nursing	Developmental	Bluegrass Community & Technical College - Leestown/Lexington (Main)	Approved
Kentucky Christian University	Approved	Bluegrass Community & Technical College - Danville	Approved
Kentucky State University	Developmental	Brown Mackie College - Louisville	Approved
Lindsey Wilson College	Approved	Elizabethtown Community & Technical College	Approved
Morehead State University	Approved	Galen College of Nursing	Approved
Murray State University	Approved	Hazard Community & Technical College	Approved
Northern Kentucky University	Approved	Henderson Community College	Approved
Spalding University	Approved	Hopkinsville Community College	Approved
Thomas More College	Approved	Jefferson Community & Technical College (Main)	Approved
Union College	Initial	Jefferson Community & Technical College - Carrollton	Approved
University of Kentucky	Approved	Jefferson Community & Technical College - Shelbyville	Approved
University of Louisville	Approved	Madisonville Community College	Approved
University of Louisville - Owensboro	Approved	Maysville Community & Technical College	Approved
Western Kentucky University	Approved	Maysville Community & Technical College - Rowan/Morehead (Main)	Approved
		Maysville Community & Technical College - Licking Valley/Cynthiana	Approved
Associate Degree Nursing		Maysville Community & Technical College - Montgomery/Mt. Sterling	Approved
American National University	Approved	Somerset Community College (Main)	Approved
Ashland Community & Technical College	Approved	Somerset Community College - Clinton Center/Albany	Approved
Beckfield College	Approved	Somerset Community College - Laurel Campus/London	Approved
Big Sandy Community & Technical College	Approved	Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College - Glasgow (Main)	Approved
Bluegrass Community & Technical College - Lexington/Cooper (Main)	Approved	Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College - Bowling Green	Approved
Bluegrass Community & Technical College - Lawrenceburg	Approved	Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College	Approved
Campbellsville University	Approved	Spencerian College	Approved
Daymar College	Approved	West Kentucky Community & Technical College (Main)	Approved
Eastern Kentucky University	Approved		
Elizabethtown Community & Technical College	Approved		
Galen College of Nursing	Approved		
Gateway Community & Technical College	Approved		
Hazard Community & Technical College - Hazard (Main)	Approved		
Hazard Community & Technical College - Lees Campus/Jackson	Approved		
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The 2016 General Assembly adjourned on April 15, 2016. During the session, the Senate considered over 300 bills and the House considered over 600. In addition, since this is an even-numbered year, the General Assembly was required to pass a biennial budget for the state, which they accomplished on the last day of the session.

Of the several bills affecting nursing that were introduced, only one passed: SB 114. This bill pertains to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). It amends six different statutes to give APRNs the authority to fulfill certain functions:

1. KRS 15.382 – allows an APRN to conduct a medical examination of certain law enforcement officers for certification;
2. KRS 72.465 – allows a coroner to

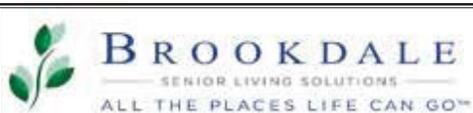
rely on an APRN's knowledge of the cause of death of a person, if it is under natural circumstances, and may authorize the APRN to sign the death certificate.

3. KRS 186.411 – allows an APRN to certify that a person with a seizure condition may obtain a driver's license;
4. KRS 189.125 – allows an APRN to issue a written statement concerning a person who the APRN has determined is unable, for medical or physical reasons, to wear a seat belt;
5. KRS 213.076 – allows an APRN to sign a certificate of death or provisional certificate of death and provides certain responsibilities of the APRN in those cases; and
6. KRS 387.540 – includes an APRN

as one of the three individuals needed on a report that must be filed concerning a petition for a determination of partial disability or disability and the appointment of a guardian.

In each case, APRNs are added to the statutes, which originally only included physicians. The bill passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor on April 9, 2016. APRNs affected by this bill should read the actual language of the bill and should not rely on this synopsis.

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The Kentucky Board of Nursing rescinded the April 2003 opinion related to therapeutic phlebotomy and issued the following advisory opinion:

The performance of therapeutic phlebotomy (removal of a large volume of blood via a central venous access device), is within the scope of registered nursing practice for the registered nurse who is educationally prepared and clinically competent in the performance of the procedure. The performance of therapeutic phlebotomy should be in accordance with documented facility policy and procedure as well as current evidence based practice.

Dry Needling

It was the advisory opinion of the Board that the performance of dry needling is within the scope of advanced practice registered nursing practice for the APRN who is currently educationally prepared and clinically competent in the performance of the procedure. Further, the APRN should

maintain documentation of having completed a nationally recognized course of study on dry needling. The performance of dry needling should be in accordance with documented facility policy, credentialing, and procedures as well as current evidence-based practice.

Acupuncture

It was the advisory opinion of the Board that the performance of acupuncture is within the scope of advanced practice registered nursing practice for the APRN who is currently educationally prepared and clinically competent in the performance of the procedure. Further, the APRN should maintain documentation of having completed a nationally recognized course of study in acupuncture. The performance of acupuncture should be in accordance with documented facility policy and procedures and credentialing processes, as well as current evidence-based practice.

KBN Advisory Opinion Statement (AOS #8) ROLE OF THE REGISTERED NURSE FIRST ASSISTANT was newly revised.

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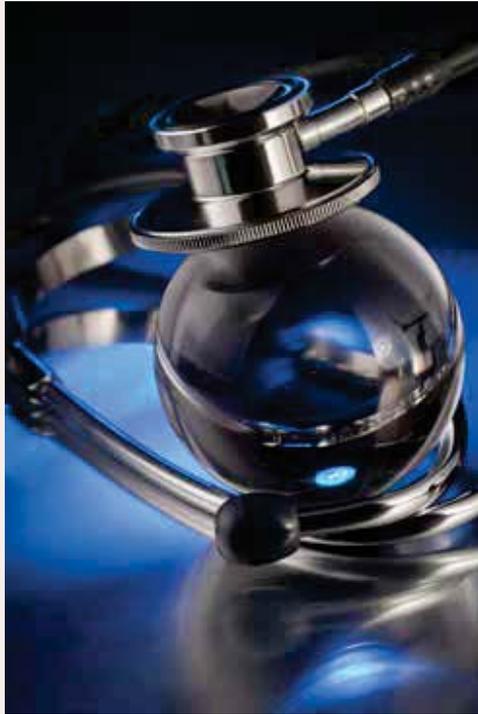
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BEGINS: September 15, 2016 at 12:01 a.m.

ENDS: Midnight October 31, 2016, Eastern Time

RENEWAL WEB ADDRESS: kbn.ky.gov/Pages/renewal.aspx

NOTIFICATION OF RENEWAL: When your license has been renewed you will receive an email notification to the email address you listed with KBN. You can also validate the expiration date of your license at www.kbn.ky.gov

Clicking on the submit button at the end of the renewal application does not renew your license.

Validate that your license was renewed from this site: <http://kbn.ky.gov/onlinesrvs/bulkvalidation/>

RENEWAL FEES: Print the confirmation page for your record of payment for your license renewal.

RN: \$65

LPN: \$65

APRN: \$55 for each designation (Plus \$65 for the RN license)

SANE: \$35

Clicking on the “submit” button at the end of the renewal process is an attestation that you have or will have met the continuing competency requirements by midnight, October 31. Your license is NOT renewed when you click on the submit button.

LAST DAY OF RENEWAL

A license that is not renewed before 4:30 p.m. on October 31 will lapse at midnight on that date. Working on a lapsed license is a violation of Kentucky Nursing Law and subjects

the individual to disciplinary action.

If an application is received before midnight on October 31st and an individual answers “No” to the disciplinary and conviction questions, a license MAY be renewed by noon on the next business day.

REQUIRED RENEWAL DOCUMENTATION

If you answered “yes” to the discipline, criminal, and/or the APRN national certification revocation questions, your license will not be renewed until KBN receives and reviews the required documents. If your license has not been renewed before midnight, Eastern Time, October 31, your license will lapse. You cannot practice as a nurse in Kentucky if your license has lapsed.

Required documentation includes:

- Certified court records and letters of explanation, if you answer “yes” to the criminal activity question
- Board certified orders and letters of explanation, if you answer “yes” to the disciplinary question
- Documentation from your APRN national certification organization, if you answer “yes,” that your national certification was revoked or issued on a provisional or conditional status
- Other documentation requested by KBN staff.

NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT AND KENTUCKY LICENSE RENEWAL

If your primary state of residence is another compact state and you

do not practice ONLY in a military/federal facility, you will not be able to renew your Kentucky RN or LPN license.

APRN RENEWAL

If you do not intend to practice as an APRN and want to relinquish your APRN license (allow it to expire) but do want to renew your RN license, access the RN/APRN renewal application. There will be a drop down selection for you to renew only your RN license.

If your national certification has expired, you will not be able to renew your APRN license(s). You cannot practice as an APRN in Kentucky with an expired national certification.

To renew your APRN license in only one designation and your Kentucky RN license, you MUST use the RN-APRN link on the renewal web page (<http://kbn.ky.gov/renewal/default>). From this link, you will renew your RN and APRN licenses simultaneously, for the combined fee of \$120 (RN-\$65 and APRN-\$55).

To renew your APRN license in more than one designation and your Kentucky RN license, use the link listed above and select each designation that you want to renew by clicking on the appropriate radio button. The fee for renewing each APRN designation is \$55 per designation, plus the \$65 RN renewal fee. You must maintain current national certification in each designation.

If your primary residence is in a

compact state and you hold a current RN multistate license in that state, you must use the “APRN Renewal Only (with RN license in another compact state)” link. You must provide the name of the state and the expiration date of your multistate RN license before you will be able to renew your Kentucky APRN license. You must keep your multistate RN license active in the state of your primary residence while you are practicing as an APRN in Kentucky. If your compact RN license and/or your national certification lapse, you may not practice as an APRN in Kentucky.

If an APRN holds both KY RN & APRN licenses or an APRN license only and they are not prescribing controlled substances, they need to:

- Maintain current national certification,
- Earn 3.5 hours in pharmacology, and
- Earn 1.5 hours in Pediatric Head Abuse Trauma (if previously earned, you will need to earn a total of 5 hours in pharmacology)

If an APRN holds both KY RN & APRN licenses or they are prescribing controlled substances, they only need to:

- Maintain current national certification,
- Earn 2 hours in pharmacology,
- Earn 1.5 hours on the use of KASPER, pain management, or addiction disorders, and
- Earn 1.5 hours in Pediatric Head Abuse Trauma (if previously earned, you will need to earn a total of 5 hours in pharmacology)

DO NOT submit evidence of continuing competency earnings unless requested to do so. For questions about the APRN continuing competency requirement, e-mail Beth Tanner at BethA.Tanner@ky.gov.

Current national certification from a Board recognized national certification organization in addition to current APRN and RN licensure is required to practice as an APRN in Kentucky. If your national certification lapses for any period of time while your APRN license is current, you may not practice as an APRN during the period of lapsed certification. KBN does not give a grace period for lapsed national certification.

APRN POPULATION FOCI OF ONCOLOGY AND CRITICAL CARE

APRNs holding a current license with a population focus in oncology or critical care who fail to renew their APRN license in those foci will be unable to reinstate.

SANE RENEWAL

Before you will be able to renew your SANE credential, you must renew your RN license. When you have completed that process, proceed to the SANE link to renew your SANE credential. If you are a SANE and an APRN, renew your RN-APRN first (see previous information) and then renew your SANE credential from the SANE link.

If your primary residence is in a compact state, you must provide the state name and the expiration date of the multistate RN license you hold before you will be able to renew your Kentucky SANE credential. You must keep your multistate RN license active in the state of your primary residence during the period

of time that you practice as a SANE in Kentucky. If your multistate RN license lapses, you may not practice as a SANE in Kentucky, even though your Kentucky SANE credential is current.

All Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners must complete 5 continuing education hours related to the role of the sexual assault nurse examiner as part of the continuing competency requirement for renewal. **DO NOT** submit evidence of continuing competency earnings unless requested to do so. For questions about the SANE continuing competency requirement, Beth Tanner at BethA.Tanner@ky.gov.

FAILURE TO RENEW

If you fail to renew by midnight, Eastern Time, October 31, or you fail to submit all requirements for renewal, you will be required to reinstate your license.

- Before a license will be reinstated, KBN must receive:
- A reinstatement application and fee
- Kentucky criminal history report (in all surnames you have ever used) from the Administrative Office of the Courts
- Federal background report from the FBI obtained via fingerprinting
- Continuing Competency Requirements

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY NURSES

KRS 36.450 and KRS 12.355 require KBN, upon request of an active duty military licensee and with the appropriate military documentation, to renew the license without the required renewal fee and continuing competency requirement.

The waiving of the renewal fee and continuing competency requirement does not restrict the license in any way. It is still considered full licensure.

Active duty military includes those nurses who are based state-side or deployed overseas. Not included in these groups are individuals working for the Federal government, such as civilian VA nurses, public health nurses employed by the federal government, or National Guard nurses who are not on full, active duty.

KBN must receive one of the following before the license of active duty military nurses will be renewed:

- PCS Orders
- AF Form 899
- Mobilization Orders

You must complete the online renewal application in addition to providing copies of one of the above documents. Copies of the above may be faxed to 502-429-3336 or emailed to Ruby.King@ky.gov.

If you are a military nurse and are stationed state-side, you must renew your license during the renewal period and provide the documentation listed above. If you fail to provide the documentation and/or fail to submit the renewal application prior to October 31, you will have to meet all the requirements for reinstatement of a license(s).

If you are a military nurse and will be deployed overseas during the renewal period, you have two options:

- Submit a copy of the official overseas deployment orders showing a return date to KBN. Your license will be renewed

to reflect an expiration date through the renewal period that corresponds with your deployment orders. You are not required to submit a fee, and you are exempt from meeting the continuing competency requirement.

- Do nothing until you are reassigned to the USA. You will have 90 days after your return to request the renewal of your license. You must submit a copy of the orders you receive for your reassignment to the United States. You will not be required to pay the renewal fee, and you will be exempt from meeting the continuing competency requirement.

APRN NEWS INVALIDATING AN APRN LICENSE

If KBN records reflect that an APRN's national certification has expired and the APRN fails to provide evidence of current certification/recertification, KBN will invalidate the APRN license. When the license is invalidated, the APRN may not practice in the advanced practice role. This does not affect the RN license, nor is it considered disciplinary action. An APRN whose license is invalidated for failure to provide evidence of current certification may reinstate the APRN license by meeting all of the requirements for reinstatement.

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION IN DUAL POPULATION FOCI

With the assistance of our Information Technology staff, KBN is now able to record the national certification information for those APRNs holding certification in two population foci. To practice in either or both areas, the national certification of each must be current. If the

certification of both foci expires, the APRN license will be invalidated and the APRN must reinstate one or both foci. If the national certification of one population focus expires, the APRN may only practice in the focus area of the unexpired certification.

PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

KBN now requires all APRNs holding a current CAPA-CS agreement to submit a copy of any and all DEA license held. If an APRN is prescribing controlled substances, they must have a Notification of a CAPA-CS on file with KBN, a KY DEA license, and a master KASPER account.

To determine if KBN has a copy of the Notification of a CAPA-CS or DEA license on file, you may go to the KBN web site and validate your license. If the Notification of a CAPA-CS has been received at KBN, the validation will note, "KBN has been notified that this APRN has entered into a Collaborative Agreement for Prescriptive Authority for Controlled Substances (CAPA-CS)." If this message does not appear and you have a current CAPA-CS agreement, you must provide a copy of the Notification of a CAPA-CS form to KBN. If the DEA license has been received at KBN, the validation will note, "DEA license on file." A CAPA-CS may be rescinded by either the APRN or the physician. When a CAPA-CS is rescinded, KBN must be notified, using the "CAPA-CS Rescission" form located on the KBN web site.

For more information on the CAPA-CS requirements, go to <http://kbn.ky.gov/apply/pages/APRN/aprn.aspx>