



## Kentucky Board of Nursing Programs of Nursing Update

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### Kentucky Enters the Compact

As you are probably aware, Governor Fletcher signed the Kentucky Nurse Licensure Compact Bill (HB102) on March 28, 2006. This piece of legislation will have a great impact on the nurses within the Commonwealth. It is essential that nursing faculty become familiar with what the compact entails in order to share this information with students. The compact will go into effect on June 1, 2007.

Enclosed is a brochure that you can feel free to copy and share with faculty and students. It is also available for download on our website (<http://kbn.ky.gov>).

### Certified List Update

With your next graduating class, we are asking that you utilize the new form. Changes to the form are being made in order to enable us to track graduates from various locations and sub-groups within programs. If the old form is used, we will ask you to re-submit. PLEASE discard all old copies! Lila has sent the form electronically, if you need it again, we can re-send.

### 1st Kentucky Nurse Educator Conference

On May 19, 2006, the Kentucky League for Nursing and the Kentucky Board of Nursing are joining together to present the 1<sup>st</sup> Kentucky Nurse Educator Conference. You should have received copies of the registration form (but just in case another is included). Please share with faculty—I have been hearing rumors that many faculty do not know that the program exists.

### On-Line Verification of License & Abuse Registry

The Kentucky Board of Nursing offers three different levels of credential validation services for your convenience. Please choose the level of service that works best for you. This system validates RN, LPN, ARNP, SANE, Temporary Work Permit, Provisional License and Kentucky Nurse Aide Abuse Registry credentials in real time. Level 1 or Basic Service is available on-line and is free of charge (previously you had to pay \$1/name). The other two levels are enhanced and premium (refer to the website for more details and pricing for these two levels).

For Programs of Nursing, you will probably only need the Basic License Validation. In this level you will have the ability to:

- Validate up to **40** credentials at a time.
- Search by License Number, Social Security Number, Temporary Work Permit Number, or any combination thereof.
- Enter manually license and permit numbers.
- Basic License Validation Service Fees: **NO CHARGE**

This will come in extremely helpful if you are looking to see if a new graduate has become licensed; verify faculty licensure at time of hire and renewal; and/or check to be sure that students are not listed on the nurse aide abuse registry. Remember, the information will only be valid for those persons licensed in Kentucky.

Web address: <http://www.kbn.ky.gov/onlinesrvs/bulkvalidation/>

Sample of what the screen will look like:

(Note: To get nurse aide registry information, you will have to use the SS#)

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the Kentucky Board of Nursing Bulk License Validation page. The page title is "Kentucky: Board of Nursing - Bulk License Validation - Validation Results". The address bar shows the URL: <https://secure.kentucky.gov/kbn/bulkvalidation/validationresults.aspx?id=fa866927e2f546189dfef819a43a2b18>. The page content includes the Kentucky Board of Nursing logo and navigation links. The main heading is "Online Validation Results". Below this, there is a table with the following data:

License Identifier	Validation Result
407840198	SSN: [REDACTED] Verification Date: 05-APR-06. PATRICIA SPURR. SSN: [REDACTED]. License # [REDACTED] Current Active REGISTERED NURSE License which expires on 31-OCT-06. REGISTERED NURSE initial date of licensure in KY: 01-SEP-77. License is in good standing, no discipline information on file. Verification date: 05-APR-2006.

## KBN Fee Update

Effective March, 2006, the State Legislators approved a new fee structure for the Board of Nursing. The fee that may impact a Programs of Nursing is related to the initiation of new programs. To open a new program of nursing, there will be a \$2000 fee. This fee will be required at the time that the proposal is submitted for review.

**NCLEX REPORTS ARE ENCLOSED ONLY IF YOU HAVE HAD GRADUATES SINCE JULY 1, 2005 THAT HAVE TAKEN NCLEX.**

## States Enacting the NLC

As of January 2006, the following states belong to the NLC:

COMPACT STATES	IMPLEMENTATION DATE
Arizona	7/1/2002
Arkansas	7/1/2000
Delaware	7/1/2000
Idaho	7/1/2001
Iowa	7/1/2000
Maine	7/1/2001
Maryland	7/1/1999
Mississippi	7/1/2001
Nebraska	1/1/2001
New Hampshire	1/1/2006
New Jersey	TBD
New Mexico	1/1/2004
North Carolina	7/1/2000
North Dakota	1/1/2004
South Carolina	TBD
South Dakota	1/1/2001
Tennessee	7/1/2003
Texas	1/1/2000
Utah	1/1/2000
Virginia	1/1/2005
Wisconsin	1/1/2000

Several states are planning to introduce legislation to join the compact including Colorado, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, and Montana.



Information on the Nurse Licensure Compact will be printed in future issues of the *KBN Connection*, as well as posted on the KBN website at [kbn.ky.gov](http://kbn.ky.gov). Send questions or comments regarding the compact to the Board office at [KBN.BoardQuestions@ky.gov](mailto:KBN.BoardQuestions@ky.gov).

You can also contact Sue Derouen, NLC Project Coordinator, at [Sue.Derouen@ky.gov](mailto:Sue.Derouen@ky.gov), or Nathan Goldman, General Counsel, at [Nathan.Goldman@ky.gov](mailto:Nathan.Goldman@ky.gov).



## What is the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC)?

The Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) is a mutual recognition model for nurse licensure that permits a registered nurse or a licensed practical (vocational) nurse to hold one license in his or her home state (primary state of residency) and to practice in other compact states (referred to as remote states). Under mutual recognition, practice across state lines is allowed, whether physical or electronic, unless the nurse's license is under discipline or there exists a monitoring agreement that restricts practice across state lines. The mutual recognition model is similar to the motor vehicle driver license model that allows United States citizens to drive throughout the country on a driver's license issued by a state. In order to achieve mutual recognition, each state has to enter into the interstate compact through legislation.

## Kentucky Board of Nursing NLC Implementation Plan

The Governor signed the Kentucky Nurse Licensure Compact Bill (HB 102) on March 28, 2006. The NLC will be implemented in Kentucky June 1, 2007. The KBN website at <http://kbn.ky.gov> and the *KBN Connection* will provide regular updates on the progress toward NLC implementation in Kentucky. Questions and comments can be emailed to KBN at [KBN.BoardQuestions@ky.gov](mailto:KBN.BoardQuestions@ky.gov).

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Additional general information regarding the compact may be found in the Nurse Licensure Compact section of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) website at [www.ncsbn.org](http://www.ncsbn.org).

## Scope of Practice of the RN/LPN in the NLC

The NLC provides that the nurse be held accountable for the nursing practice laws and other regulations in the state where the patient is located at the time care is rendered. This accountability is similar to the motor vehicle driver who must obey the driving laws in the state where he or she is driving. The accountability for safe practice by a nurse is no different from what is expected today. Under the NLC, states will continue to have complete authority in determining licensure requirements and disciplinary actions against a nurse's license according to the state's nursing laws.

## Eligible License Types

In the NLC, a registered or licensed practical (vocational) nurse whose primary state of residence is a compact state (home state) is issued a license by that state and no longer needs individual licenses to practice in other compact states (remote states). By virtue of the NLC, the licensee is granted the "multistate privilege" to practice in other compact states.

A nurse who lives in a non-compact state and applies for licensure in a compact state is issued a nursing license valid only in that compact state (single state license). The licensee holding a single state license will not be granted the "multistate privilege to practice" in any compact states.

Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNPs) are still required to obtain authorization in each state to practice as ARNPs.

## State of Residency Determines Jurisdiction

The NLC is similar to many other familiar activities based on state of residence, including obtaining a drivers license, paying taxes and voting. Given the many employment configurations in which nurses work, there is likely to be less confusion about where a nurse resides than about the location of his or her primary state of practice.

Locating a nurse in the event of a complaint/investigation would be more readily accomplished with a residence or address link, rather than a practice or employment link. Upon moving their permanent residence to another compact state, RNs or LPNs/LVNs will be required to apply for and be issued a nurse license by the new state of residency.

## Nurses Living in Non-Compact State but Work in Compact State

Nurses working in a compact state, but living in a non-compact state, are required to obtain a single state license in the compact state prior to practicing in the compact state.

Nurses living in a compact state, but working in a non-compact state, are also required to obtain a single state license in the non-compact state prior to practicing in that state.

## Verification of Licensure

The state that issues the nursing license can verify that license. The license can also be verified by contacting Nursys™ at the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). Nursys™ is a coordinated licensure information system that employers may access for a fee to verify licensure of any nurse holding a compact license.

## Reporting/Processing Complaints in the NLC

Complaints may be reported to either the home state (state of residency) or the remote state (state of practice). The investigation may be conducted by both the home and remote state. All investigative information would be shared between the compact states involved. The home state may take disciplinary action against the nurse's license while the remote state(s) may take disciplinary action against the nurse's practice privilege.

For example, the remote state (state of practice) may issue a cease and desist order to the nurse, and the home state (state of residency) may also take action against the license of that nurse.

## Does the NLC Affect the Authority to Discipline?

The NLC does not affect the authority of the state of residency to discipline. As provided in the NLC, both the home state (residency state) and remote state, where the patient is located at the time the incident occurred, may take disciplinary action and thus directly address the behavior of the nurse licensed by a compact state.

The NLC actually enhances the home state of residency's ability to discipline. Through ready exchange of investigative information, the home state of residency has the most current and accurate information in order to better determine the appropriate course of action in disciplinary cases.

## Questions?

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**CERTIFIED LIST OF PROGRAM OF NURSING GRADUATES**  
**(DUE WHEN ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET)**

This certifies that all requirements for a degree or certificate for the program of nursing were completed by the individuals listed below. These individuals have also completed the high school requirements as stated in the Kentucky Nursing Laws, KRS 314.041 or 314.051.

PROGRAM OF NURSING NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BSN  ADN  PN

NCSBN Program Number: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTUAL PROGRAM COMPLETION DATE: month/day/year \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 20\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
**NURSE ADMINISTRATOR/ OTHER AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**

DATE OF SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL # GRADUATES COMPLETING THIS DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Use the space below to provide an alphabetical list of **ALL PROGRAM GRADUATES** who have actually completed all program requirements at the time of submission. (Give full name, including maiden name.) Indicate if the candidate plans to apply for initial licensure in another state. Use the reverse side and the additional page provided to continue the list.

**Program:** (D) for Day, (E) Evening, (W) Weekend, (A) 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Accelerated, (LA) LPN to ADN, (LB) LPN to BSN, (O) Other-Define

**Location:** List the site where the student attended classes; if only one location-leave blank.

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