DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
Department of Health
Board of Practical Nurse Examiners

Licensure (LAC 46:XLVII.1703)

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 37:969, that the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners (LSBPNE) is requesting an Emergency Rule to add language to Chapter 17, Section 1703.

The Covid-19 public health emergency was declared in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020, enacted on March 11, 2020 and extended numerous times, most recently in Proclamation Number 18 JBE 2022, which is set to expire on March 16, 2022. In coordination with the State Health Officer, the LSBPNE recognizes a need for a transition period to permit LPNs working under emergency proclamation to continue working for a transition period. The additional language to Chapter 17, Section 1703.E provides an exception allowing LPNs to continue to practice practical nursing in Louisiana with a current, active, unencumbered, unrestricted out-of-state license for a 90-day transition period following the expiration of the Covid-19 public health emergency. This rule is effective on March 17, 2022, and will remain in effect for 90 days.

Title 46
PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS
Part XLVII. Nurses: Practical Nurses and Registered Nurses
Subpart 1. Practical Nurses
Chapter 17. Licensure
§1703. Types of Licensure
A. - D. …
E. Exception: The requirement that an out-of-state practical nurse obtain a license to practice practical nursing in Louisiana as set forth in R.S. 37:972, is temporarily suspended for a 90-day transition period following the expiration of the Covid-19 declared public health emergency, provided that such person has an active, unencumbered, unrestricted license to practice practical nursing from any U.S. state, territory, or district, which has been confirmed through the NURSYS system. The 90-day transition period expires on June 14, 2022.


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