

EMERGENCY RULE

Department of Health

Board of Nursing

LAC 46:XLVII Section 3327

Licensure by Endorsement

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) issued an Emergency Rule effective March 17, 2022, to allow out-of-state licensees a transition period to apply for licensure or to cease the practice of nursing in Louisiana in response to the expiration of Governor Edwards' public health emergency. 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 expired on March 16, 2022. As described in the Emergency Rule, the rule was premised on a need to allow RNs and APRNs with a current, active, unencumbered, unrestricted out-of-state license working under the emergency proclamation to continue working for a 90-day transition period following the expiration of the Covid-19 public health emergency.

Since the passage of the emergency rule, the LSBN worked diligently with the Louisiana Department of Health to notify RNs and APRNs practicing in Louisiana pursuant to the governor's proclamation to apply for a permit through the Nurse Portal on the LSBN website. It appears the basis for the Emergency Rule has been resolved; therefore, the board determined it appropriate to rescind the Emergency Rule effective March 23, 2022.



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