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Online Licensure Renewal

Online Licensure Renewal starts October 1st, noon. Online renewal of licensure is **mandatory**. To renew online, visit <http://www.lsbns.state.la.us> and select "Online Services" to begin the process.

Your RN/APRN license is due for renewal by January 31, 2010.

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2009-2010 State Holidays

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| Labor Day | Monday, September 7, 2009 |
| Veteran's Day | Wednesday, November 11, 2009 |
| Thanksgiving Day | Thursday, November 26, 2009 |
| Christmas Day | Friday, December 25, 2009 |
| New Years Day | Friday, January 1, 2009 |

** Holidays listed "by proclamation" are not legal holidays until proclaimed by the governor of Louisiana.*

Board Meeting Dates

Board meetings will be held on the following dates:

Committee Meetings

October 20, 2009

January 20, 2010

*(Administrative, Credentialing, Education, Compliance,
and Practice Committees)*

Board Meetings

September 14, 15, & 16, 2009

December 7, 8, & 9, 2009

March 15, 16, & 17, 2010

Advisory Council Meetings

September 14, 2009

Lost and Stolen Licenses

The list of lost and stolen licenses for Summer 2009 is located at the LSBN website at

<http://www.lsbns.state.la.us/Documents/Examiners/ExaminerSummer2009LostLicenses.pdf>

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On-Line

Fast, Easy and Efficient

- Online Renewals are available from October 1st, 2009 at noon to January 31st, 2010 at 11:59pm.
- Accessible 24 hours per day - renew anywhere, anytime
- Process takes approximately 10 minutes
- You will be directed to print out the receipt of your renewal process to keep for your records
- You will get an E-mail verifying that your payment was received. Retain this copy for your records
- There are fewer errors with online renewal
- Your records will be updated within 20 minutes

Renew online by visiting our website: <http://www.lsbn.state.la.us>. Go to “Online Services” on the left side of the page and select “Online Renewal” at the bottom of the page.

- If you have not signed up for a LSBN Account, you will need your Social Security Number, RN License Number and Date of Birth in order to create an LSBN Online Account.
- Enter your username and password.
- If you have forgotten your password, click on “If you have lost your password, click here” to reset it.
- If you have forgotten your username, click on “If you have lost your username, click here” to retrieve it.
- Enter the information requested
- Have your credit card ready
- A license will be mailed to you within 5 days after you entered your renewal

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Director of Education/Licensure Patricia A. Dufrene

The LSBN is pleased to announce that **Patricia A. Dufrene, MSN, RN** has joined the staff in the position of Director for Education/Licensure. Patricia comes to us from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Nursing where she most recently served as Director of the Nursing Learning Resource Center. A native of Louisiana, Patricia is a graduate of Charity Hospital School of Nursing and Loyola University. Her graduate degree is from the University of Pennsylvania with a clinical specialty in Pediatric Critical Care

Her primary area of responsibility with the Board will be educational program approval, continuing education provider approval, student enrollment and licensure by examination.

Recovering Nurse Manager Richard A. Carroll

Richard A. Carroll, MBA, RN has joined our RN staff in the position of Recovering Nurse Manager in the Department of RNP/Monitoring. Richard comes to us with a diversified background in Health care with a focus in mental health for the past five years. Richard is a Nursing graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi. His graduate degree in Business Administration is from the University of Phoenix.

His primary responsibility will be monitoring/case management of Registered Nurses that are enrolled in the Recovery Nurse Program with the last name of A-K.

Staff Announcement

William 'Jade' Wilson, Licensing Analyst II with the Monitoring Department has graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University with a Master's degree in Applied Sociology with a Criminal Justice Concentration.

Announcement from the Director of Monitoring to Employer's Regarding Direct RN Supervision

The monitoring department receives numerous calls concerning the requirement for Direct RN Supervision. Please be advised that all persons monitored by the Board require Direct RN Supervision. This includes all RNP participants and individuals with a probated license.

The on-site supervisor must have knowledge that the nurse is in the RNP and/or when applicable, the nurse's disciplinary history with the Board. Also, the supervisor must see the nurse on a regular basis during the scheduled shift, must know the individual well enough to recognize any changes in behavior or nursing practices, and must be at least one level higher than the participant on the organizational chart. A charge nurse or unit manager is an acceptable supervisor, but a house supervisor usually cannot fulfill the requirements.

It is recommended that you download copies of the Nursing Performance Evaluation form and the Employer's Agreement forms directly from the LSBN website to assure correct contact information and on-going updates.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Monitoring/RNP department at (225) 755-7546. Thank you for assisting the Board in safeguarding the patients of Louisiana.

Danielle Smith, RN, MSN

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Prescriptive Authority Legislation

Historical information regarding the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP):

Act 676 of 2006

- Authorized the Board of Pharmacy to develop, implement and operate an electronic system for monitoring controlled substances and other drugs of concern
- Improves the state's ability to identify and inhibit the diversion of Controlled Substances (CS) in an efficient and cost effective manner

Prescription Monitoring Advisory Council

- Consists of 25 member organizations representing professional membership organizations of prescribers and dispensers, regulatory agencies, substance abuse professionals, law enforcement

Requirements

- Dispensers report essential data elements to program
- Authorized users only (prescribers, dispensers, regulatory agencies, law enforcement)

Due to several drugs of concern, the 2009 Louisiana Legislature passed two bills that will add certain existing drugs to the state's list of controlled substances. The effective date for these laws is **August 15, 2009**.

Act 165 (HB 399) places carisoprodol (Soma) products in Schedule IV and Act 314 (HB 890) places all products (prescription and non-prescription) containing any quantity of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine and phenylpropanolamine in Schedule V of the Louisiana Uniform Controlled Substances Law.

What does this mean for the APRN with Prescriptive Authority? Here are several considerations:

- Must submit an application for controlled substances to LSBN for approval (must meet requirements for obtaining these substances)
- Will require the practitioner to have a current LA Controlled and Dangerous Substance (CDS) license (a current copy must be on file with LSBN)
- Can no longer accept samples of medications including common cold or cough preparation samples with the identified products from pharmaceutical representatives
- Can not treat patients with chronic or intractable pain with carisoprodol (Soma) products

If you have any questions regarding this information, you may contact LSBN at (225) 755-7500 or visit the LA Pharmacy Board web site at: www.labp.com.

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Recruiting for the NCLEX Item Development Program

The NCLEX is designed to test knowledge, skills, and abilities essential to the safe and effective practice of nursing at the entry level. NCSBN recruits qualified nurses to serve on NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN Examination Item Writing and Item Review panels, which are coordinated by Pearson VUE.

The process of developing one item (question) for the NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN examination goes through multiple steps over a 12-18 month period and involves many qualified volunteers. Those who participate on these panels are an integral part of the item development process; therefore, we need your help in recruiting nurses for this program.

The qualifications for the Item Development Program are outlined in the following brochure:

https://www.ncsbn.org/Item_Development_2009.pdf

Benefits to serving on an Item Development Panel:

- All expenses paid trip to Chicago;
- Contribute to continued excellence in the nursing profession;
- Have opportunities to network on a national level;
- Build new skills that are useful in your current position as well as for professional growth; and
- Earn continuing education contact hours.

If you or someone you know is qualified to volunteer, please submit an online application at:

<https://www.ncsbn.org/1227.htm>.

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Major Motions of the June 10-12, 2009 Board Meeting

Unfinished Business

Accepted the report on Rulemaking of LAC 46:XLVII.3330. Criminal History Record Information.

Approved the motion to refer the Proposed Rule for PICC line guidelines back to the Practice Committee.

Directed the Board staff to initiate dialogue with the Board of Medical Examiner to define Interventional Pain Management.

Credentialing Issues

Approved that Board staff research and prepare a list of resources for strategic planning for the July Administrative Committee Meeting and authorized the Administrator to engage a consultant.

Continuing Education with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing

The Board receives many calls about places to find continuing education on ethics, medication, administration, documentation, boundaries, etc. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing offers these topics and others at www.learningext.com.

Education Issues

Approved the request from the University of South Alabama at Springhill, College of Nursing, to Use Clinical Sites in Louisiana.

Approved the request from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Nursing, to Use Clinical Sites in Louisiana.

Approved the re-approval application from the Louisiana Hospital Association for Continuing Education Providership.

Approved the application from the LSU Interim Public Hospital for Continuing Education Provider.

Approved the application from Tulane University Hospital & Clinic for Continuing Education Provider.

Accepted the LSUHSC Site Visit Report.

Accepted the Delgado Community College Site Visit Report.

Accepted the Remington College-Shreveport Campus Letter of Intent to Initiate an Associates Degree Nursing Program.

Disciplinary Actions from the June 10-12, 2009 Board Meeting

The files of 75 registrants were reviewed with a total of 82 following actions taken (some individuals had more than one action):

Reinstatements

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|-----------------------------|---|
| Granted/Stipulations/Active | 8 |
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Discipline Actions

| | |
|--|----|
| Summary Suspension (Ratify) | 4 |
| Revoked | 1 |
| Suspended/Stipulations | 10 |
| Voluntary Surrender | 4 |
| Automatic Suspension/Ratify Staff Action | 19 |
| Suspend with Stay/Probate | 10 |
| Retain License W/Probation | 1 |
| Reprimand | 5 |
| Recall of Temporary Work Permit | 2 |

Endorsement

| | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Grant/Stipulations | 1 |
| Deny/Delayed/Ratify Staff Action | 3 |

Education

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|---|---|
| Applicant: NCLEX Approved/Probation/Stipulations | 4 |
| Student: Automatic Suspensions (Clinical Nursing) | 2 |
| Student: Clinical Approve/Probation/Stipulations | 1 |
| Student: Clinical Deny/Delay/Stipulations | 4 |
| Student: Automatic suspensions (clinical nursing) | 3 |

Special Statistics Included in Above

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|--------------------|----|
| Consent Orders | 41 |
| Settlement Orders | 4 |
| Applicant: NCLEX | 4 |
| Student's Clinical | 7 |

Disciplinary Actions from the June 10-12, 2009 Board Meeting

Legend

Actions

CO : Consent Order

S : Student

R : Ratified

SO : Settlement Order

A : Applicant

VS : Voluntary Surrender

RNP : Recovering Nurse Program

Adams, Charles Christopher (R)

License suspended due to non-compliance with Board Agreement.

Allen, James Fredrick (CO)

License suspended with a stay, probated for a minimum of 36 months with stipulations.

Charges: Misappropriation of patient Property or other Property; Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or other Substance Abuse; Narcotics Violation or other Violation of Drug statutes

Anderson, Patricia Stone (CO)

License suspended with stay, probated for a minimum of 12 months with stipulations.

Charges: Substandard or Inadequate Care

Blankenship, Lonnie Lynn (CO)

Suspension of license stayed, reinstated with probation/RNP for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations.

Bourgeois, Tiffany Williams (R)

License suspended due to non-compliance with RNP.

Boyd, Monica Knowles (CO)

License suspended with a stay, probated for 1 year with stipulations.

Charges: Misappropriation of Patient Property

Braden, Doris Adger (CO)

Letter of reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Fraud, Deceit or Material Omission in Obtaining License or Credentials

Brunst, Edward Alvin (R) (S)

Suspended approval to continue/progress in clinical/nursing courses due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Chatelain, Cindy Ahle (CO)

License retained with probation for a minimum of 24 months with stipulations.

Charges: Unable to Practice Safely

Conner, Teresa Cohoon (R)

License suspended for a minimum of 6 months due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Cradeur, Stacey Holley (R)

License suspended for non-compliance with Board Order.

Danos, Justin John (R)

License suspended for a minimum of 6 months due to non-compliance with Board Order.

David, Kayla Danielle (CO)

License suspended with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.

Charges: Unable to Practice Safely; Failure to Utilize Appropriate Judgment

Davis, Karen (A)

License by endorsement is denied. Charges: Fraud-Falsified Credentials as an RN; Fraud, Deceit or Material Omission in Obtaining License or Credentials

Dibble, Kristy Rachal (R)

License suspended due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Dison, Kimberly Marian (R)

License suspended due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Ducote, Kerri Guillory (CO)

Voluntary Surrender of license for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations.

Dumas, Jr. Danny Joe (R)

License suspended for a minimum of 6 months due to non-compliance with RNP.

Dunigan, Teresa Ann (CO)

Approval granted to receive a probated temporary work permit for the purpose of completing an RN refresher course, with stipulations.

Edwardes Jr., Bradley Scott (CO)

5/15/09 License summarily suspended. 6/1/09 Suspension continues for a minimum of 2 months with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.

Charges: Narcotics Violation or Other Violation of Drug Statutes

Eaves, Debra Shaw (R)

License suspended due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Emmel, Sarah McGehee (R)

License suspended due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Farmer, Samantha Ducote (R) (CO)

5/15/09 License summarily suspended. 6/1/09 Suspension continues with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.

Charges: Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or Other Substance Abuse; Failure to Utilize Appropriate Judgment

Feldner, Lance Andrew (CO)

4/21/09 License summarily suspended. 6/8/09 Suspension continues until such time a Board hearing is held regarding the charges filed by the Board on 5/15/09.

Charges: Criminal Arrest; Immediate Threat to Health or Safety

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Garrett, Jr, Raymond Haynes (CO) (A)

Approval granted to take the NCLEX RN, to be issued a probated temporary work permit, and to receive a probated license for a minimum of 1 year after successfully passing the licensing examination with stipulations.
Charges: Prior Criminal Action

Gautreau, Leslie Wiedeman (CO)

Suspension of license stayed, license is reinstated with probation/RNP for a minimum of 5 years with stipulations.

Gourdon, Allison Laporte

License suspended with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.
Charges: Narcotics Violation or Other Violation of Drug Statutes; Diversion of Controlled Substance; Unprofessional Conduct

Graffeo, Angela Nichols (SO)

Suspension of license stayed, eligible for reinstatement with probation for a minimum of 5 years with stipulations.

Grandt, Dane Friedrich (CO)

License suspended with a stay, probated for 2 years with stipulations.
Charges: Unprofessional Conduct

Greene Jr, Bruce Raymond (R)

4/14/09 License summarily suspended.
6/10/09 Continuance granted.

Hoogendyk, Norma Baldoumas

License suspended with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.
Charges: Fraud-Falsified Credentials as a Physician's Assistant; Criminal matter involving 33 Counts of Medicaid Fraud and one count of Felony Theft

James, Tysheena Nicole (R) (S)

Denied approval to enter or progress in clinical nursing courses based on the commission of a crime of violence, Aggravated Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

Jones, Christine Heather (CO)

License suspended with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.
Charges: Narcotics Violation or Other Violation of Drug Statutes; Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or other Substance Abuse; Failure to Utilize Appropriate Judgment

Jones, Joseph Ronnell (CO)

License suspended with a stay, probated for 1 year with stipulations.
Charges: Failure to Submit to a for-cause requested drug test.

Lair, Melissa Rene (R) (S)

Suspended approval to continue in clinical nursing courses due to non-compliance with Board Order.

McGehee, Michael Allen (CO) (A)

Approval granted to receive a probated license for a minimum of 1 year with stipulations.
Charges: Prior Criminal Action

McIntyre Jr, Joseph, Wayne

License permanently revoked.
Charges: Sexual Misconduct

Mabile, Pamela Haynes (CO)

Suspension of license stayed, eligible for reinstatement with probation/RNP for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations.

Macmurdo, Stacie Meador (CO)

Suspension of license stayed, eligible for reinstatement with probation for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations.

Mallett, Deana Broussard (CO)

Letter of reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Narcotics Violation or Other Violation of Drug Statutes

Marshall, Cebrin Keith (CO)

4/3/09 License suspended due to non compliance with Board Order.
5/11/09 Suspension of license stayed, eligible for reinstatement with probation for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations.

Mehal, Derrick Anthony (CO) (A)

Approved to receive a temporary permit, take the NCLEX RN and to be licensed with probation for a minimum of 3 years to run concurrent with RNP Agreement effective as of June 10, 2008.
Charges: Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or other Substance Abuse

Meyer, Cynthia Downs (R)

License suspended due to Action in Another Jurisdiction.

Meyers, Deborah Phillips (CO)

License suspended with a stay, probated for 3 years with stipulations.
Charges: Narcotics Violation or Other Violation of Drug Statutes

Miller, William Brad (CO)

Suspension of license stayed, eligible for reinstatement with probation for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations.

Moeller, Brent O'Neal (R)

License suspended due to non compliance with Board Order.

Moody, Sherrica Ladawn (CO)

License suspended with a stay, probated for 1 year with stipulations.
Charges: Narcotics Violation or Other Violation of Drug Statutes

Nettles, Maryann Mechelle Fontana (R)

License suspended for a minimum of 1 year due to non-compliance with RNP.

Overstreet, Susan Clare Peek (CO)

Voluntary Surrender of license for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations.

Owens, Sarah Lynn McGehee (R)

License suspended due to non-compliance with RNP.

Patel, Kalavati Paresh (CO) (A)

Licensure by endorsement granted with probation/RNP for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations upon completion of the endorsement application requirements.
Charges: Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or Other Substance

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Parten, Jenifer Flanagan (R) (A)

4/7/09 Temporary Permit Recalled.
6/10/09 Licensure by endorsement denied.

Charges: Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or Other Substance Abuse; Narcotics Violation or Other Violation of Drug Statutes; Substandard or Inadequate Care; Incomplete Documentation

Rice, Erin Nolan (R) (S)

Suspended approval to continue in clinical nursing courses due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Rogers, Ann Hodnett (CO)

License suspended with a stay, probated for 3 years with stipulations.
Charges: Criminal Conviction

Rogers, Scarlett Anderson

(Voluntary Surrender)

Voluntary Surrender of license for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations.

Salerno, Matthew John (CO) (A)

3/12/09 Temporary Permit Recalled.
5/11/09 Licensure by endorsement denied with eligibility to reapply for licensure after completion of required stipulations.

Charges: Narcotics Violation or Other Violation of Drug Statutes

Sambola, Patti Bourque (CO)

License suspended with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.

Charges: Practicing Beyond the Scope of Practice; Unable to Practice Safely; Substandard or Inadequate Care; Unauthorized Administration of Medication

Schelde, Karen Robinson (R)

License suspended due to non-compliance with RNP.

Soavern, Kimberly Ann (CO)

Voluntary Surrender of license for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations.

Simon, Eva Seaux (CO)

Letter of reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Improper Storage of Medications and Failure to Follow Facility Procedure for Destruction of Medications

Smith, Gabrielle Ewing (CO)

License suspended with a stay, probated for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations.

Charges: Criminal Conviction

Stelly, Ashley Fitzgerald (R)

License suspended due to non-compliance with RNP.

Stevens, Jason Michael (CO)

Suspension of license stayed, eligible for reinstatement with probation/RNP for a minimum of 4 years with stipulations.

St. Romain Jr, Ernest (R)

License suspended for a minimum of 6 months due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Tidwell Jr, Brian Jack (CO)

License suspended with opportunity to request reinstatement after completion of required stipulations.
Narcotics Violation or Other violation of Drug Statutes

Warren, Kimberly Upshaw (CO)

License suspended with a stay, probated for 3 years with stipulations.

Charges: Narcotics Violation or Other Violation of Drug Statutes

Warren, Vanessa Marie (R) (S)

Denied approval for clinical nursing courses based on conviction of a crime which involves distribution of drugs.

Wheeler, Dwayne (SO) (A)

Delayed licensure until completion of required stipulations.

Whittaker, Betty Levier (CO)

Letter of reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Practicing without a Valid License

Wilburn, Tracy Richard (SO)

Letter of reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to Renew

Wiggins, Kissley Renee (CO) (A)

Approval granted to take the NCLEX RN, to be issued a probated temporary work permit, and to receive a probated license for a minimum of 2 years after successfully passing the licensing examination with stipulations.

Charges: Criminal Arrest/Charges for Felony Theft and Simple Battery

Wilkins, Tyrone Anthony (CO) (A)

Approval granted to take the NCLEX RN, to be issued a probated temporary work permit, and to receive a probated license for a minimum of 2 years after successfully passing the licensing examination with stipulations.

Charges: Prior Criminal Action

Williams, Junies Craig (R) (S)

Delayed approval to enter/progress in clinical nursing courses until all pending criminal charges are resolved.

Williams, Rita Marie (R)

License suspended due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Williams, Tammy Davis (SO) (S)

Delayed approval to enter/progress in clinical nursing courses due to conviction and pending sentencing of Medicare Fraud.

Charges: Medicare Fraud

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You can change your address on our website, www.lsbn.state.la.us, under "Online Services".

If you prefer to send the change in by mail, please complete this form and return it to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

This is a change of:

_____ **Name (Documentation Required)*** _____ **Address** _____ **Replacement Card Needed****

* Copy of a marriage license, divorce decree with name restoration clause, or other legal document granting a name change is required.

** A licensee who wishes a license card replaced because of a change in name or address must return the current license card to the Board, give information that is to be changed, and pay a \$10.00 replacement fee.

For identification, please provide one of the following:

LA RN License # _____ Social Security Number _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Daytime phone _____

Current Name and Address:

Name (Last, First, Middle) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number (area code/number) _____

Mobile Number (area code/number) _____

Former Name and Address:

Name (Last, First, Middle) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number (area code/number) _____

Email Address _____

No Fee for Name or Address Change (Copy as Needed)

LEGAL DUTY TO NOTIFY THE BOARD OF NAME OR ADDRESS CHANGE

Every RN with a Louisiana license is responsible for immediately notifying the Board office in writing of any name or address change. Correspondence from the Board, such as licensure renewal, notice of Board Actions printed in The Examiner which may affect the license, as well as disciplinary charges and notice of hearing are mailed to the last known address of the Registered Nurse. The responsibility rests with the licensee to assure that the Board has a current address on file at all times. Failure to properly notify the Board of one's current address can result in a lapsed license, noncompliance with regulations of the Board, or disciplinary action in the nurse's absence. **Correspondence to the last known address is legal notice.**