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RE: Notice of Emergency Rule

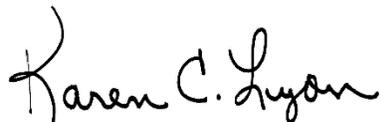
Dear Governor Edwards,

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) has exercised the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, specifically La. R.S. 49:950, and through the authority granted in R.S. 37: 918, and in accordance with Executive Department Proclamation Number 38-JBE-2020 to adopt an emergency rule which will add additional language to Chapter 33, Section 3325. The added language in Section 3325 will address the public health emergency crisis that is currently taking place in Louisiana. These changes will allow the board to issue pre-graduation RN applicant disaster permits during a public health emergency. The emergency rule provides: (1) applicants must meet eligibility requirements set forth in 3325.B apart from fulfilling the completion of a nursing education program; (2) applicants must submit a written request via the on-line nurse portal; (3) the director of the school of nursing shall verify that the applicant is a student in good standing and scheduled to graduate in the current semester; (4) permits are valid for 120 days with possible 90-day interval extensions; (5) the permit shall be recalled if the board receives allegations of acts or omissions which constitute grounds for disciplinary action as defined in the Nurse Practice Act (R.S. 37:911 et seq.) and/or the Administrative Code (LAC 46:XLVII.Subpart 2 Registered Nurses); (6) the title of permit holders shall be "preRN App" for all records; and (7) permit holders must meet all licensure requirements after the public health emergency proclamation is rescinded in order to obtain a RN license.

In compliance with the provisions of La. R.S. 49:953 (B), this will serve as notice of the Board's adoption of Emergency Rules with the effective date of April 9, 2020. The rule changes can be accessed at: <https://www.doa.la.gov/osr/EMR/2020/2004EMR080.pdf>

Please contact me at [lyonk@lsbn.state.la.us](mailto:lyonk@lsbn.state.la.us) or 225-755-7576 if you have any questions or concerns related to this rule change.

Sincerely,



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