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On March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency due to novel coronavirus (COVID-19). In the declaration, [Executive Order 51](#), the Governor directed state agencies to render appropriate assistance to prepare for and mitigate the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. In doing so, he ordered authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the agency head by Executive Order 51 (2020), I hereby waive the below requirements for **submission of a fee and evidence of continuing education** to reinstate or reactivate a license for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and licensed nurse practitioners who held an unrestricted, active license issued by the Board within the past four years.

- [18VAC90-19-180](#) Reinstatement and reactivation (LPN&RN).

A. A registered nurse or licensed practical nurse who holds a current, unrestricted license in Virginia may, upon a request on the renewal application and submission of the required fee, be issued an inactive license. The holder of an inactive license shall not be entitled to practice nursing in Virginia or practice on a multistate licensure privilege but may use the title "registered nurse" or "licensed practical nurse."

B. Reactivation of an inactive license.

1. A nurse whose license is inactive may reactivate within one renewal period by:
 - a. Payment of the difference between the inactive renewal and the active renewal fee; and
 - b. Providing attestation of completion of at least one of the learning activities or courses specified in [18VAC90-19-160](#) during the two years immediately preceding reactivation.
2. A nurse whose license has been inactive for more than one renewal period may reactivate by:
 - a. Submitting an application;
 - b. Paying the difference between the inactive renewal and the active renewal fee; and
 - c. Providing evidence of completion of at least one of the learning activities or courses specified in [18VAC90-19-160](#) during the two years immediately preceding application for reactivation.

3. The board may waive all or part of the continuing education requirement for a nurse who holds a current, unrestricted license in another state and who has engaged in active practice during the period the Virginia license was inactive.
 4. The board may request additional evidence that the nurse is prepared to resume practice in a competent manner.
 5. The board may deny a request for reactivation to any licensee who has been determined to have committed an act in violation of § [54.1-3007](#) of the Code of Virginia or any provision of this chapter.
- [18VAC90-19-190](#) Reinstatement and reactivation (LPN&RN).
 - A. A nurse whose license has lapsed may be reinstated within one renewal period by:
 1. Payment of the current renewal fee and the late renewal fee; and
 2. Providing attestation of completion of at least one of the learning activities or courses specified in [18VAC90-19-160](#) during the two years immediately preceding reinstatement.
 - B. A nurse whose license has lapsed for more than one renewal period shall:
 1. File a reinstatement application and pay the reinstatement fee;
 2. Provide evidence of completing at least one of the learning activities or courses specified in [18VAC90-19-160](#) during the two years immediately preceding application for reinstatement; and
 - 3. Submit a criminal history background check as required by § [54.1-3005.1](#) of the Code of Virginia.**
 - C. The board may waive all or part of the continuing education requirement for a nurse who holds a current, unrestricted license in another state and who has engaged in active practice during the period the Virginia license was lapsed.
 - [18VAC90-30-110](#) Reinstatement for licensed nurse practitioner (LNP).
 - A. A licensed nurse practitioner whose license has lapsed may be reinstated within one renewal period by payment of the current renewal fee and the late renewal fee.
 - B. An applicant for reinstatement of license lapsed for more than one renewal period shall:
 1. File the required application and reinstatement fee;
 2. Be currently licensed as a registered nurse in Virginia or hold a current multistate licensure privilege as a registered nurse; and
 3. Provide evidence of current professional competency consisting of:
 - a. Current professional certification by the appropriate certifying agency identified in [18VAC90-30-90](#);
 - b. Continuing education hours taken during the period in which the license was lapsed, equal to the number required for licensure renewal during that period, not to exceed 120 hours; or
 - c. If applicable, current, unrestricted licensure or certification in another jurisdiction.

This waiver does not waive statutory requirements or limitations. This waiver shall take effect on March 23, 2020, and shall remain in full force and in effect for the duration of Amended Executive Order 51.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. E. Brown".

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