

**655—3.1(17A,147,152,152E,272C) Definitions.**

*“Approved nursing program”* means a nursing education program whose status has been recognized by the board or by a similar board in another jurisdiction that prepares individuals for licensure as a licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, or advanced registered nurse practitioner; or grants a baccalaureate, master’s or doctorate degree with a major in nursing.

*“CGFNS”* means the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

*“Inactive license”* means a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse license that has been placed on inactive status because it was not renewed by the fifteenth day of the month following the expiration date or means that the board has received notification that a licensee has declared another compact state as the primary state of residency.

*“Late license”* means a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse license that has not been renewed by the expiration date. The time between the expiration date and the fifteenth day of the month following the expiration date is considered a grace period.

*“Licensee”* means a person who has been issued a license to practice as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner under the laws of this state.

*“Multistate license”* means a license to practice as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse issued to a qualified person under Iowa Code chapter 152E that authorizes the holder to practice in all party states under a multistate licensure privilege.

*“Multistate licensure privilege”* means a legal authorization associated with a multistate license permitting the practice of nursing as either a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse in a party state.

*“NCSBN”* means the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

*“Nurse licensure compact”* means the agreement between party states, as set forth in Iowa Code chapter 152E, to allow mutual recognition of a nursing license.

*“Overpayment”* means payment in excess of the required fee. An overpayment less than \$10 received by the board shall not be refunded.

*“Party state”* means any state that has adopted the nurse licensure compact.

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