

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

*“Accredited or 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.

*“Address”* means a street address in any state when a street address is available or a rural route address when a street address is not available.

*“Applicant”* means a person who is qualified to take the examination or apply for licensure by endorsement.

*“Endorsement”* means the process by which a registered nurse/licensed practical nurse licensed in another jurisdiction becomes licensed in Iowa.

*“Examination”* means the tests used to determine minimum competency prior to the issuance of a registered nurse/licensed practical nurse license.

*“Fees”* means those fees collected which are based upon the cost of sustaining the board’s mission to protect the public health, safety and welfare. The nonrefundable fees set by the board are as follows:

1. Application for original license based on the registered nurse examination, \$93 (plus the fee for evaluation of the fingerprint cards and the criminal history background checks by the Iowa division of criminal investigation (DCI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)).
2. Application for original license based on the practical nurse examination, \$93 (plus the fee for evaluation of the fingerprint cards and the criminal history background checks by the DCI and the FBI).
3. Application for registered nurse/licensed practical nurse license by endorsement, \$119 (plus the fee for evaluation of the fingerprint cards and the criminal history background checks by the DCI and the FBI).
4. Application for original license or renewal as an advanced registered nurse practitioner, \$81 for any period of licensure up to three years.
5. For a certified statement that a registered nurse/licensed practical nurse is licensed in this state or registered as an advanced registered nurse practitioner, \$25.
6. For written verification of licensure status, not requiring certified statements, \$3 per license.
7. For reactivation of a license to practice as a registered nurse/licensed practical nurse, \$175 for a license lasting more than 24 months up to 36 months (plus the fee for evaluation of the fingerprint cards and the criminal history background checks by the DCI and the FBI).
8. For reactivation of a license to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner, \$81 for any period of licensure up to three years.
9. For the renewal of a license to practice as a registered nurse/licensed practical nurse, \$99 for a three-year period.
10. For a duplicate or reissued wallet card or original certificate to practice as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or advanced registered nurse practitioner, \$20.
11. For late renewal of a registered nurse/licensed practical nurse license, \$50, plus the renewal fee as specified in paragraph “9” of this definition.
12. For a check returned for any reason, \$15. If licensure/registration has been issued by the board office based on a check for the payment of fees and the check is later returned by the bank, the board shall request payment by certified check or money order.
13. For a certified copy of an original document, \$20.
14. For special licensure, \$62.

15. For the evaluation of the fingerprint cards and the DCI and FBI criminal history background checks, \$50.

*“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 the board has received notification that a licensee has declared another compact state as primary state of residency. Pursuant to 655—subrule 16.2(8), the former home state license shall no longer be valid upon the issuance of a new home state license.

*“Late license”* means a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse license that has not been renewed by the expiration date on the wallet card. 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.

*“NCLEX®”* means National Council Licensure Examination for registered nurse/licensed practical nurse licensure.

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

*“Reactivation”* means the process whereby an inactive licensee obtains a current license.

*“Reinstatement,”* pursuant to rule 655—20.36(17A,147,152,272C), means the process by which any person whose license to practice nursing has been suspended, revoked or voluntarily surrendered by order of the board may apply for license consideration.

*“Temporary license”* means a license issued on a short-term basis for a specified time pursuant to subrule 3.5(4).

*“Unlicensed student”* means a person enrolled in a nursing education program who has never been licensed as a registered nurse or licensed practical/vocational nurse in any U.S. jurisdiction.

*“Verification”* means the process whereby the board provides a certified statement that the license of a registered nurse/licensed practical nurse/advanced registered nurse practitioner is active, inactive, or encumbered/disciplined.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.80 and 147.82.

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