

The permit system for regulated uses of water is administered by a water commissioner and deputies chosen by the council. The water rights law declares that all waters within the state, both surface and underground, belong to the people of the state and are subject to regulated use for beneficial purposes. Except for a few uses defined in the law as non-regulated, any use of 5,000 gallons or more per day is subject to regulation. Permits may be granted for any period of time not to exceed ten years and are reviewed prior to renewal or extension. Priority is given only to the use of water for ordinary household purposes, for poultry, livestock, and domestic animals. The council establishes the average minimum flow for a given point on a water course and may issue permits for beneficial use of water therefrom if the average minimum flow is preserved.

The oil and gas conservation law (Chapter 84, Acts of the 60th General Assembly) was enacted to conserve and protect the oil, gas and water resources of the state. Impetus for passage of the law was provided by the discovery of a deposit of commercially acceptable crude oil in Washington County in 1963 and the resultant increased drilling activity. Administration of the law was assigned to the Iowa Natural Resources Council through the office of the state geologist. The council has adopted administrative rules defining in detail its requirements under the law.

Board of Nursing

300 4th St., Des Moines 50319

Appointed by the Governor.

BARBARA A. STEEN, R.N., Chairman, Jesup; term expires 1979.
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 DONNA R. HEALD, R.N., Mount Pleasant; term expires 1979.
 ELIZABETH H. KINNEY, L.P.N., Waterloo; term expires 1981.
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The Iowa Board of Nursing was made a department separate from the Department of health by action of the 46th General Assembly in 1935.

The Board has the responsibility to administer and enforce the laws relating to the practice of nursing, to elevate the standards of schools of nursing and to promote the educational and professional standards of nurses and nursing in this state.

The Board conducts examinations and issues licenses to two classifications of nurses, registered nurse and licensed practical nurse.

Since 1907, when the first regulatory act affecting the practice of professional nursing was enacted 58,344 registered nurse certificates have been issued. At the close of the 1978 fiscal year, 24,449 registered nurses renewed their licenses.

Since 1949, when the first regulatory act affecting the practice of practical nursing was enacted, 18,281 licensed practical nurse certificates have been issued. At the close of the 1978 fiscal year, 9,382 licensed practical nurses renewed their licenses.

Through the Executive Director, the Board keeps all records pertaining to the licensure of nurses, processes all applications for licensure, collects fees and issues all licenses to practice nursing.

The Board is responsible for the initial and on-going approval of schools of nursing. At present there are 36 schools in Iowa preparing the registered nurse and 26 preparing the licensed practical nurse.