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**Instructions for Applying for Multistate Licensure
for *EXISTING ACTIVE OKLAHOMA LICENSEES***

APPLICATION FEE = \$150.00

Per 59 O.S. § 4100.8, there is NO fee required to submit this application if:

- ***you are active duty military personnel or the spouse of an active duty military personnel who has received orders or notice for military transfer or honorable discharge to this state; and***
- ***you have a valid license in another state at the same level of licensure in good standing with requirements reasonably equivalent to this state.***

Please see the “Military Personnel” section for more information.

Use this application if you:

- **Wish to apply for a multistate license;**
- **Are currently licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in Oklahoma and your license is active and unencumbered (e.g., your license is not revoked, suspended, on probation, monitored, on conditions, limited, or any other encumbrance on licensure affecting your authorization to practice); and**
- **Declare Oklahoma as your primary state of residence (see the section titled *Declaration of Primary State of Residence* in the application instructions for details).**

Pursuant to 485:10-1-3 (b) (2): **REFUNDS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED FOR SUBMISSION OF AN INCORRECT APPLICATION**

General Information

Effective **January 19, 2018**, Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses who hold an Oklahoma license in active status and meet certain requirements are eligible to apply for multistate licensure. Once the Board grants the multistate license, the nurse can then engage in nursing practice in any of the Nurse Licensure Compact states without having to obtain additional licenses. A list of states participating in the Licensure Compact is available at: www.nursecompact.com

Do not submit this application unless your Oklahoma license is active and unencumbered, and you declare Oklahoma as your primary state of residence; otherwise, Board staff will not proceed with review of your application.

Not all applicants will be eligible for a multistate license. In order to be eligible, the applicant must submit an application, pay a fee, submit fingerprints for a federal criminal background check, and meet the requirements listed in the following section. Because licensing laws change over time, it is possible that requirements that are now in place were not in place at the time you obtained

your Oklahoma license. In addition, records submitted at the time you were licensed may no longer be available for review by Board staff. Therefore, to determine whether you meet the requirements for the multistate license, Board staff may request additional information. In some cases, this will involve additional time and fees as required by other entities; including but not limited to time and fees to obtain an official transcript, to verify international education by an independent credentials review agency, to complete English language testing for the nurse who was educated in another country, or to obtain a verification of licensure information from another state. **Only submit an application if you meet all requirements listed as fees are non-refundable.**

Forms referenced can be found on the Board's website located at this link:
<http://www.oklahoma.gov/nursing/applications.html>

REQUIREMENTS for a MULTISTATE LICENSE for EXISTING ACTIVE OKLAHOMA LICENSEES

An Oklahoma-licensed RN or LPN with a single-state license in active status is eligible to apply for a multistate license. In order to be eligible for a multistate license, the RN or LPN must meet the following requirements:

1. Meets Oklahoma's qualifications for licensure or renewal of licensure, as well as all other applicable state laws;
2. Has graduated or is eligible to graduate from a licensing-board-approved RN or LPN/VN prelicensure education program;

OR

Has graduated from a foreign RN or LPN/VN pre-licensure education program that:

- a. has been approved by the authorized accrediting body in the applicable country and
 - b. has been verified by an independent credentials review agency to be comparable to a licensing-board-approved pre-licensure education program;
3. Has successfully passed an English proficiency examination that includes the components of reading, speaking, writing and listening; if a graduate of a foreign pre-licensure education program not taught in English or if English is not the individual's native language;
 4. Has successfully passed an NCLEX-RN© or NCLEX-PN© Examination or State Board Test Pool Examination, as applicable;
 5. Is eligible for or holds an active, unencumbered license;
 6. Has submitted, in connection with an application for initial licensure or licensure by endorsement, fingerprints or other biometric data for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation;

7. Has not been convicted or found guilty, or entered into an agreed disposition, of a felony offense under applicable state or federal criminal law;
8. Has not been convicted or found guilty, or entered into an agreed disposition, of a misdemeanor offense related to the practice of nursing as determined on a case-by-case basis;
9. Is not currently enrolled in an alternative program;
10. Is subject to self-disclosure requirements regarding current participation in an alternative program;
11. Has a valid United States Social Security number; and
12. Declares Oklahoma as the primary state of residence.

When the Board office receives your application, the Board staff will review both your application and licensure records already on file to ensure that you meet all requirements for a multistate license. Please be aware that if the Board staff are not able to verify through your application and licensure records that you meet all requirements, they may request additional information from you.

Review of criminal charges, disciplinary action, judicial declaration of incompetence, or participation in an alternative program: Applicants for licensure are required to notify the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, in writing, specific information related to criminal charges and/or convictions, investigations, disciplinary actions, and/or judicial declaration of mental competence. A “report in writing” means that the applicant/licensee provided a description stating in his/her own words the date, location, and circumstances of the incident, and if applicable, the resulting action taken by the court, agency, or disciplinary board. The report should be in the form of a statement in the provided space on the application. Certified court records or a board order, as applicable, must be uploaded during the application process. A verbal report does not constitute a “report in writing”. A written report not accompanied by a full set of certified court records or the board order(s) does not constitute a “report in writing”. Failure to report such action is a violation of the *Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act*.

An applicant for a license to practice as a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse must submit to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing “certified written evidence that the applicant has never been convicted of a felony crime that substantially relates to the occupation of nursing and poses a reasonable threat to public safety” [59 O.S. § 567.5, 567.6].

Military Personnel:

Per 59 O.S. § 4100.8, if you are an active duty military personnel or the spouse of an active duty military personnel who has received orders or notice for military transfer or honorable discharge to this state, please upload a copy of the United States Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card and a copy of the military member’s Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders. No application fee is required. Following confirmation that you hold a valid license in another state that is in good standing and reasonably equivalent to the requirements of this state, a temporary license will be granted within 30 days.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF THE APPLICATION

1. **Completion of application:** Please complete and submit the application online on the Board's website via your Nurse Portal account.

You must provide a Social Security number on the application. This information is mandatory, pursuant to 56 O.S. § 240.21A and 59 O.S §567.21.

If you have been licensed with this Board under a different name, you must complete a *Name Change Request* found in the [Other Applications link](#) on your Nurse Portal page, upload a certified copy of the legal document changing your name and submit the required fee in order to be licensed under your new name.

2. **Fee:** You must pay the application fee online, using a VISA, a MasterCard or an electronic fund transfer when completing the application. **Fees submitted are not refundable.** If you meet either military personnel options listed in the **Military Personnel** section, a fee is not required.
3. **Background Check:** Each applicant must provide fingerprint images to be used for the purpose of permitting a state and national criminal history records search through the OSBI and FBI. The Oklahoma Board of Nursing is not authorized to receive criminal history record information prior to receiving an application; therefore, you will receive information on obtaining a fingerprint-based background check in the Message Center of your Nurse Portal account after your application has been successfully submitted. In the event that you submit an incorrect application and fingerprints are collected and submitted following the submission of the incorrect application, note that the criminal history records search must be conducted through the Board's vendor, IDEMIA no more than (90) days prior to receipt of the application in the Board office. The results of the search are provided directly to the Board office by the OSBI usually within one to two weeks. Please read the *Privacy Act Statement and Applicant Notification* found in the Appendix to this set of instructions. Procedures for changing, correcting or updating OSBI and/or FBI results are set forth in Title 28, C.F.R., §16.34 and will be furnished as needed.
4. **Criminal Charges, Disciplinary Action, or Judicial Declaration of Mental Incompetence:** If you answer "yes" to the criminal charge, discipline, or competency questions on the application, you must **write a statement in the available space on the application form, describing the date, location and circumstances of the incident, and the resulting action taken by the court or disciplinary board.** If you have more than one incident you are reporting, you must speak to every case/charge that has been filed. In addition, you will be required to upload certified copies of identified documents.

(A) Have you ever had disciplinary action taken against a nursing license, recognition, certificate, or privilege to practice; any professional or occupational license, recognition, or certificate; and/or any application for a nursing or professional or occupational license, recognition, or certificate in any state, territory or country not previously reported **in writing** to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing?"

- a. If you answered “yes”, you must type in the space available a statement describing the date, location, and circumstances of the incident(s), and, if applicable, the resulting action(s) taken by the disciplinary board.
- b. If you are reporting more than one incident, you must describe every case that has been filed.
- c. You will need to upload certified copies of the charges/complaints, findings of fact, and orders from the licensing agency.

(B) Is there currently any investigation of your nursing license, recognition, certificate, or privilege to practice; and/or any professional or occupational license, recognition, or certificate; and/or any application for a nursing and/or professional or occupational license, recognition, or certificate in any state, territory or country not previously reported **in writing** to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing?

- a. If you answered “yes”, you must type in the space available a statement describing the date, location, and circumstances of the incident(s), and, if applicable, the resulting action(s) taken by the disciplinary board.
- b. If you are reporting more than one incident, you must describe every case that has been filed.

(C) Have you been charged and/or convicted in any criminal offense not previously reported in writing to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, including those pending appeal? (You may exclude minor traffic violations, but must report all DUI/DWI charges and/or DUI/DWI convictions)

Check all that apply:

- been convicted of a misdemeanor?
- been convicted of a felony?
- pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
- received deferred adjudication, to include but not limited to deferred prosecution agreement?
- been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilt?
- been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? Court-ordered confinement?
- been granted pre-trial diversion, to include but not limited to Drug Court?
- have any pending criminal charges?
- have any pending violation of the law?
- been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?
- No, none of the above applies.

NOTE: Expunged and Sealed Offenses: While expunged or sealed offense, arrests, tickets, or citations need not be disclosed, it is your responsibility to ensure the offense, arrest, ticket or citation has, in fact, been expunged or sealed. It is recommended that you submit a copy of the Court Order expunging or sealing the record in question to our office with your application. Non-disclosure of relevant offenses raises questions related to truthfulness and character.

(D) If you checked any of the above (except “No, none of the above applies”):

- a. If you answered “yes”, you must type in the space available a statement describing the date, location, and circumstances of the incident(s), and, if applicable, the resulting action(s) taken by the court.

- b. If you are reporting more than one incident, you must describe every case that has been filed.
- c. You will need to upload certified copies of Court Records to include the Information Sheet, Incident Report, Complaint, and/or Charges; Affidavit of Probable Cause; Judgment and Sentence; and verification of completion of the Judgment and Sentence. The Court Records must be obtained from the Court(s) in which the offense(s) occurred.

(E) Have you ever been judicially declared incompetent in any state, territory or country not previously reported **in writing** to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing?

- a. If you answered “yes”, you must type in the space available a statement describing the date, location, and circumstances of the incident(s), and, if applicable, the resulting action(s) taken by the court or agency. If you are reporting more than one incident, you must describe every case that has been filed.
- b. You will need to upload a certified copy of the Court Order.

5. ***Declaration of primary state of residence:*** In order to be eligible to obtain a multistate license from the State of Oklahoma, you must declare Oklahoma as your primary state of residence. If you do not have a current Oklahoma mailing address, you must provide a legible, color copy of one of the following documents:
- a. Driver’s license with a home address;
 - b. Voter registration card displaying a home address;
 - c. Federal income tax return declaring the primary state of residence;
 - d. Military Form No. 2058 (state of legal residence certificate); and/or
 - e. W2 from US Government or any bureau, division or agency thereof indicating the state of residence.

If you do not have one of these documents, please contact the Board office for further direction regarding the processing of your application.

OTHER INFORMATION

You are required to notify the Board in writing of any address changes occurring during the application process. This notification must be submitted via your Nurse Portal account.

Your application to the Board is valid for six (6) months after receipt. After that time, a new application and fee must be submitted. Applications are processed in the order they are received. Repeated telephone calls to check on the status of your application will delay, rather than facilitate, the processing of your application. Every effort is made to process applications expeditiously. **Fees submitted are not pro-rated and are not refundable.**

In accordance with Oklahoma law (59 O.S. §567.7 (E)), the Executive Director shall suspend the license or certificate of a person who submits a check, money draft, or similar instrument for payment of a fee which is not honored by the financial institution named. The suspension becomes effective ten (10) days following delivery by certified mail of written notice of the dishonor and the impending suspension to the person’s address on file. Upon notification of suspension, the person may reinstate the authorization to practice upon payment of the fees and any and all costs associated with notice and collection. The suspension shall be exempt from the Administrative Procedures Act.

You may view average processing times of a completed application on our website at: <http://www.oklahoma.gov/nursing/agency-data-and-reports.html>. All applications are reviewed in the order they are received. To check on the status of your application, visit the Nurse Portal. If further review is required, the processing time may be lengthened. Every effort is made to process applications expeditiously.

COMMON MISTAKES THAT DELAY APPLICATION PROCESSING

- **Failing to provide the full name under which you were licensed (with the notation “NMN” if there is no middle name)**
- **Failing to write in the space available for each question a complete description and upload certified copies of documentation regarding history of criminal charges, disciplinary action, judicial declaration of incompetence, or alternative program**
- **Failing to provide fingerprint images to an IdentoGo Center to be used for a state and national criminal history records search through the OSBI and FBI**

Appendix

Privacy Act Statement and Applicant Notification

Authority: The FBI's acquisition, preservation, and exchange of fingerprints and associated information is generally authorized under 28 U.S.C. 534. Depending on the nature of your application, supplemental authorities include Federal statutes, State statutes pursuant to Public Law 92-544, Presidential Executive Orders, and federal regulations. Providing your fingerprints and associated information is voluntary; however, failure to do so may affect completion or approval of your application.

Principal Purpose: Certain determinations, such as employment, licensing, and security clearances, may be predicated on fingerprint-based background checks. Your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics may be provided to the employing, investigating, or otherwise responsible agency, and/or the FBI for the purpose of comparing your fingerprints to other fingerprints in the FBI's Next Generation Identification (NGI) system or its successor systems (including civil, criminal, and latent fingerprint repositories) or other available records of the employing, investigating, or other responsible agency. The FBI may retain your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics in NGI after the completion of this application and, while retained, your fingerprints may continue to be compared against other fingerprints submitted to or retained by NGI.

Routine Uses: During the processing of this application and for as long thereafter as your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics are retained in NGI, your information may be disclosed pursuant to your consent, and may be disclosed without your consent as permitted by the Privacy Act of 1974 and all applicable Routine Uses as may be published at any time in the Federal Register, including the Routine Uses for the NGI system and the FBI's Blanket Routine Uses. Routine uses include, but are not limited to, disclosures to: employing, governmental or authorized non-governmental agencies responsible for employment, contracting, licensing, security clearances, and other suitability determinations; local, state, tribal, or federal law enforcement agencies; criminal justice agencies; and agencies responsible for national security or public safety.

Applicant Record Challenge: Before a final decision is made, you have the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information contained in the FBI identification record. The procedure for obtaining a change, correction, or updating an FBI identification record is set forth in Title 28, CFR 16.34. For information on updating the national criminal history record, visit www.FBI.gov.

If certified documents are obtained for the purpose of updating your criminal history record, the documents should be forwarded to the FBI and to the repository in the state where the arrest occurred.