

**§2255. Renewals**

The license of every practical nurse licensed under this chapter is renewable every 2 years, except as otherwise provided. At least 30 days before the date that the license expires, the board shall mail an application for renewal of license to each practical nurse who holds a valid license. The application must be mailed to the most recent address of that individual as it appears on the records of the board. That individual shall complete the renewal application and return it to the board with the renewal fee designated by the board, but not to exceed \$100, before the expiration date of the license. Upon receipt of the application and fee, the board shall verify the accuracy of the application and issue to the applicant a renewal of license for a period of 2 years, expiring on the anniversary of the applicant's birth. [PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §134 (AMD).]

A practical nurse who fails to renew the license as provided may be reinstated by the board on satisfactory explanation for failure to renew the license and on payment of a reinstatement fee of \$10 in addition to the renewal fee. [PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §134 (AMD).]

An individual practicing nursing as a licensed practical nurse during the time the individual's license has lapsed is considered an illegal practitioner and is subject to the penalties provided for violations of this chapter. [PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §134 (AMD).]

An individual who is not engaged in practical nursing in the State is not required to pay a renewal fee as long as the individual does not practice but shall notify the board of inactive status in writing prior to the expiration date of that individual's current license. Before the resumption of practice as a licensed practical nurse and transfer to active status, that individual is required to notify the board, complete a renewal application and remit the current renewal fee. [PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §134 (AMD).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

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