

Dear Chairman Sumner and members of the House Labor and Commerce Committee,

The process for reinstating an AK RN license was one of the most frustrating endeavors that I have under taken. It greatly concerns me since there is such a dire need for RN in AK. I have attached my timeline so you can see the back and forth with the system (although this is cleaned up significantly). I may have never completed the process without the assistance of **Glenn Saviers**. Even with her assistance, it took 2 months to complete this process.

The first problem with the process is that you cannot obtain a temporary permit while the reinstatement is completed. This defies logic, especially when the RN wishing to reinstate has been actively licensed during the lapse period.

The second problem is that there is not an electronic way for an RN wishing reinstatement to begin the application. Fortunately for me, you contacted them and Ms. Saviers gave me grace and sent me a link after you connected me to her.

Next issue encountered is that if you send your credit card info along with the application they discard the entire application, requiring you to fill out again. I am not sure why employees of a state agency cannot be trusted with credit card information.

When submitting Continuing education, they want specific information that is not included on the original checklist. When I submitted my transcript (which was also submitted to 2 other boards and accepted) I was sent a message that original certificates had to be submitted. There is a limit of 5 documents that can be uploaded into the system. **Thirty** CEUs are what's required. There is no space to upload any other documents. There is no way to view which CEUs you have already submitted so you are never certain what the assessor is going to see. The ability to submit by email to the board was never given as an option. Again, Ms. Saviers intervened and graciously allowed me to funnel data through her.

The next issue was the requirement of my employment. I had left my last position on less than stellar terms and had to request information directly from that employer. When I submitted the document they rejected it because they stated my title did not reflect nursing hours (I was the CEO of 23 Women's Health Medical Clinics). Again, Ms. Saviers had to intervene on my behalf.

I can tell you if I did not have deeply committed reasons for needing to work in AK, I would have abandoned this process and secured employment elsewhere. With the overwhelming need for nurses in the state of AK, the board would be well served to make the process much more streamlined, especially for returning nurses to obtain their license.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dawn Hughes

Licensed Nurse

Anchorage, Alaska

Status	Item	Amount Owed	Message from Examiner	Documents
Completed	Fee	PAID (View Receipt)	\$375 in reinstatement fees (\$100 penalty fee + \$200 license fee + \$75 fingerprint processing fee). Pay online via the "pay now" button above, or by mailing a check or money order made out to State of Alaska.	
Completed	Email Correspondence		RE: Setting up MY LICENSE & uploading reinstatement application	
Completed	Submission	PAID (View Receipt)	RN Reinstatement Application -- Upload here or submit via mail.	10/13/2023
Completed	Verification of License - Incoming		Provide verification of licensure from each jurisdiction where you held a license during the time your Alaska license was lapsed. Most states are available @ www.nursys.com . Quick confirms will not be accepted. If your license(s) are available on nursys.com you must go to nursys.com and pay the \$30 fee to release the official license verification to Alaska. If they are not, then you will need to request verification(s) of licensure be sent directly from the state(s) to our office via email or mail.	

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Completed	Continuing Education Certificate(s)		Documented completion of one of the four methods listed on the application instructions (under 6. Continuing Competency). Upload here as ONE PDF document, or submit via email or mail.	10/16/2023
Completed	Fingerprint Card (FD-258)		One completed fingerprint card (Form FD-258) mailed to our office. The fingerprint card submitted as part of this application should be sent directly to the Alaska Board of Nursing (550 W. 7th Ave., Ste. 1500 Anchorage, AK 99501) who will submit it to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) to perform a criminal background check (AS 12.62.400).	
Completed	Status Letter		(Status Letter)	12/13/2023
Completed	License Certificate		Congratulations! Your professional license has been reinstated, please print the attached PDF.	12/13/2023 1/6/2023
Completed	Continuing Education Certificate(s)		11.75 ceus	11/14/2023 11/14/2023 11/14/2023 11/14/2023 11/14/2023 11/15/2023 11/15/2023

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Completed	Continuing Education Certificate(s)		Submit an additional 18.25 hours of continuing education completed in the last two years. 11.75 hours could be used towards the 30-hour requirement. The certificates must include your name, course name, hours earned, date completed, and accreditation information.	12/8/2023
Completed	Continuing Education Certificate(s)		Submit the completion certificates for your 30 hours of continuing education completed within the past 2 years. These need to include course name, hours earned, date completed, your name, and accreditation.	12/13/2023
Completed	Continuing Education Certificate(s)		Submit an additional 1.75 hours of continuing education completed in the last two years. 28.25 hours could be used towards the 30-hour requirement. The certificates must include your name, course name, hours earned, date completed, and accreditation information. *Some of the submitted certificates were duplicates and could not be used.	12/13/2023 12/13/2023 12/13/2023
Completed	Verification of Employment		Employment verification on a form provided by the department from your current or past employer confirming you have been employed in a nursing capacity for at least 320 hours within the last two years prior to application is needed. This will need to be sent directly from your employer to our division (from employer's official work email, faxed with a coversheet or mailed from employer's work address).	12/15/2023