

NOTICE TO NURSES AND EMPLOYERS LICENSURE RENEWAL 2009

A.R.S. § 32-1642

- A. A professional and practical nurse licensee shall renew the license every four years on or before April 1. If a licensee does not renew the license on or before August 1, the licensee shall pay an additional fee for late renewal as prescribed in Section 32-1643. If a licensee does not renew the license on or before August 1, the license expires. It is a violation of this chapter for a person to practice nursing with an expired license.

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- C. A licensee who fails to submit a renewal application before expiration of a license shall not practice nursing until the Board issues a renewal license.

Interpretation:

To continue to practice nursing a nurse should renew his/her license before April 1 in the year in which their license expires. Nurses who renew their licenses on or before April 2 (by April 1) deadline may continue to practice nursing while awaiting the issuance of a new license by the Board. Cancelled renewal checks, credit card statements or verification that your application was received by the Board may be presented to an employer who requests proof that the license was renewed. If a nurse fails to renew before August 1 of the year the license expires, the nurse shall not practice nursing until the Board issues a renewal license.

This year we estimate that nurses should receive their renewal license by mail within 2-3 weeks of the date the application was received. Nurses, who submit their renewal application on or before June 30, may continue to practice nursing while awaiting the issuance of their renewal license. Online verification (www.azbn.gov) may also be used as proof of renewal.

To prevent further delays we have also provided on the web the "Top Nine Reasons for Licensure Delays".

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