

**CERTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY RULES
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Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §§41 22 5(b) and 41 22 6(c) (2)a. and b.

I certify that the attached emergency new rule is a correct copy as promulgated and adopted on Friday, October 2, 2026.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Nursing

RULE NO. AND TITLE: 610-X-4-.19 Temporary Waiver of Certain Documentation Requirements

EXPIRATION DATE OF RULE: Thursday, January 21, 2027

NATURE OF EMERGENCY: The Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN) discovered a cybersecurity event on September 1, 2026. The ongoing recovery effort requires taking online services offline pending verification of the security of ABN systems. With biennial license renewal for approximately 85,000 registered nurses due to end on December 31, 2026, the interruption in access to online documentation threatens the stability of Alabama's vital healthcare delivery system. Accordingly, the Board is waiving certain documentation requirements for renewal. This action is intended to expedite the renewal process and to ensure the uninterrupted availability of nursing services to the public.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-2(j) (1)

SUBJECT OF RULE TO BE ADOPTED ON A PERMANENT BASIS: No

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Temporary Waiver of Certain Documentation Requirements.

(1) For the duration of this emergency rule, regarding the requirements of ABN Administrative Code § 610-X-10-.07(1), the following shall apply:

(a) The requirements of ABN Administrative Code § 610-X-10-.07(1) (a) and (b) remain in full force and effect.

(b) The requirement of ABN Administrative Code § 610-X-10-.07(1) (c) that applicants for renewal submit documented evidence of meeting continuing education requirements at the time of renewal is waived.

(c) The requirement of ABN Administrative Code § 610-X-10-.07(1) that applicants submit to the Board, by electronically uploading to the individual's CE record, documentation of continuing education credit hours earned from Board-recognized providers that do not have an assigned ABNP number, is waived.

(2) For the duration of this emergency rule, the requirement for applicants for first license renewal to complete four contact hours of Board-provided continuing education related to statutory and administrative frameworks for nursing regulation required by ABN Administrative Code § 610-X-4-.08(3)(c)3.i. is waived. First time applicants for license renewal are still required to obtain one contact hour of continuing education for each calendar month remaining in the earning period up to a maximum of 24 contact hours.

(3) For the duration of this emergency rule, applicants for licensure by endorsement may satisfy the requirements of ABN Administrative Code § 610-X-4-.07(1)(d) by affirming on their application that they have obtained the requisite number of continuing education hours during the twenty-four months prior to the application.

(4) For the duration of this emergency rule, applicants for conversion of a single state license to a multistate license may satisfy the requirement of ABN Administrative Code § 610-X-4-.08(11) by affirming on their application that they have obtained the requisite number of continuing education hours required for conversion of the license.

(5) For the duration of the emergency rule, the continuing education audit described in ABN Administrative Code § 610-X-10-.07(2) is suspended.

Author: Alabama Board of Nursing

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-2(j)(1)

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