

# Kansas State Board of Nursing

## Bi-Weekly Update

September 23, 2020

*The mission of the Board of Nursing is to assure the citizens of Kansas safe and competent practice by nurses and mental health technicians*



Due to social distancing requirements, we must limit the number in our lobby to no more than 2 at a time. **It is highly recommended that you conduct your business with the Board of Nursing via online services, mail, phone call or email or by making an appointment (785-296-2967).** There is a secure drop box located outside of the agency that is available for anyone to drop off documents for the Board of Nursing. There is a **button to push by the agency door to gain access to the agency.** KSBN NO longer performs fingerprinting services in the agency. There is a [list of the sites with contact information on our website.](#) The majority of staff continue to telework to decrease possible exposure. The best way to contact them is via their email. You may find our direct agency contact information listed under [Staff Directory](#) on our website. Please continue to follow our website and social media [[Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)] and our [COVID-19 Information Center](#) for agency updates and frequently asked questions.

- ⇒ **Agency processing times:** There are licensing requirements that must be met before a license can be issued. This includes information that must be reviewed and processed once received in our agency. During times our agency is receiving a high volume of applications and reviewing information received, processing times may be longer than usual. Our agency has 7 to 10 business days to review and process information once it is received in our agency. Some of the information required to meet licensing requirements is received from outside agencies, who have their own timelines that we must work with. **It slows processing times when staff must respond to numerous emails and phone calls as to whether a piece of information has been received and processed.** Please continue to check your application checklist as we will update it as information is processed. Another important reminder, licenses are issued on an individual basis and times may differ for each applicant. **Agency staff are working diligently to process applications and required information.** We want to get applicants licensed as soon as possible. If an applicant has a legal background, that will delay the licensing process as the legal information must be reviewed and the applicant approved for licensure.
- ⇒ **House Bill No. 2016:** Passed by the Legislature in the Special Session of 2020 and signed by Governor Kelly with an effective date of 6/9/2020. This act concerns the governmental response to the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic in Kansas. **As a reminder, all these provisions impact nurses supporting a healthcare facility's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which may not be all nurses.** There is a link to HB 2016 on our website.
- ⇒ **Update regarding nursing license expiration dates:** On September 11, 2020 the State Finance Council extended the State of Kansas COVID-19 Disaster Emergency Proclamation to October 15, 2020. Governor Kelly signed Executive Order No. 20-64 extending the renewal deadline for professional licenses during this State of Disaster Emergency. The Executive Order applies to nursing licenses that were in good standing as of March 12, 2020, and that have expired or will expire during the State of Disaster Emergency, which is currently set to expire on October 15, 2020. This means that the deadline to renew licenses that would otherwise expire during the State of Disaster emergency is October 15, 2020. **Mandatory continuing nursing education must be completed before renewal.** Here is further clarification:
- ⇒ **Normal license expiration dates of March 31, 2020, April 30, 2020, May 31, 2020, June 30, 2020, July 31, 2020, August 31, 2020, and September 30, 2020 have a new license expiration date of October 15, 2020. These licenses will be lapsed if not renewed by October 16, 2020.**
- ⇒ **Licenses with an expiration date of October 31, 2020 are not affected by this Executive Order and must be renewed by October 31, 2020. They will be considered lapsed, if not renewed by November 1, 2020.**

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times. Stay safe and healthy!

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