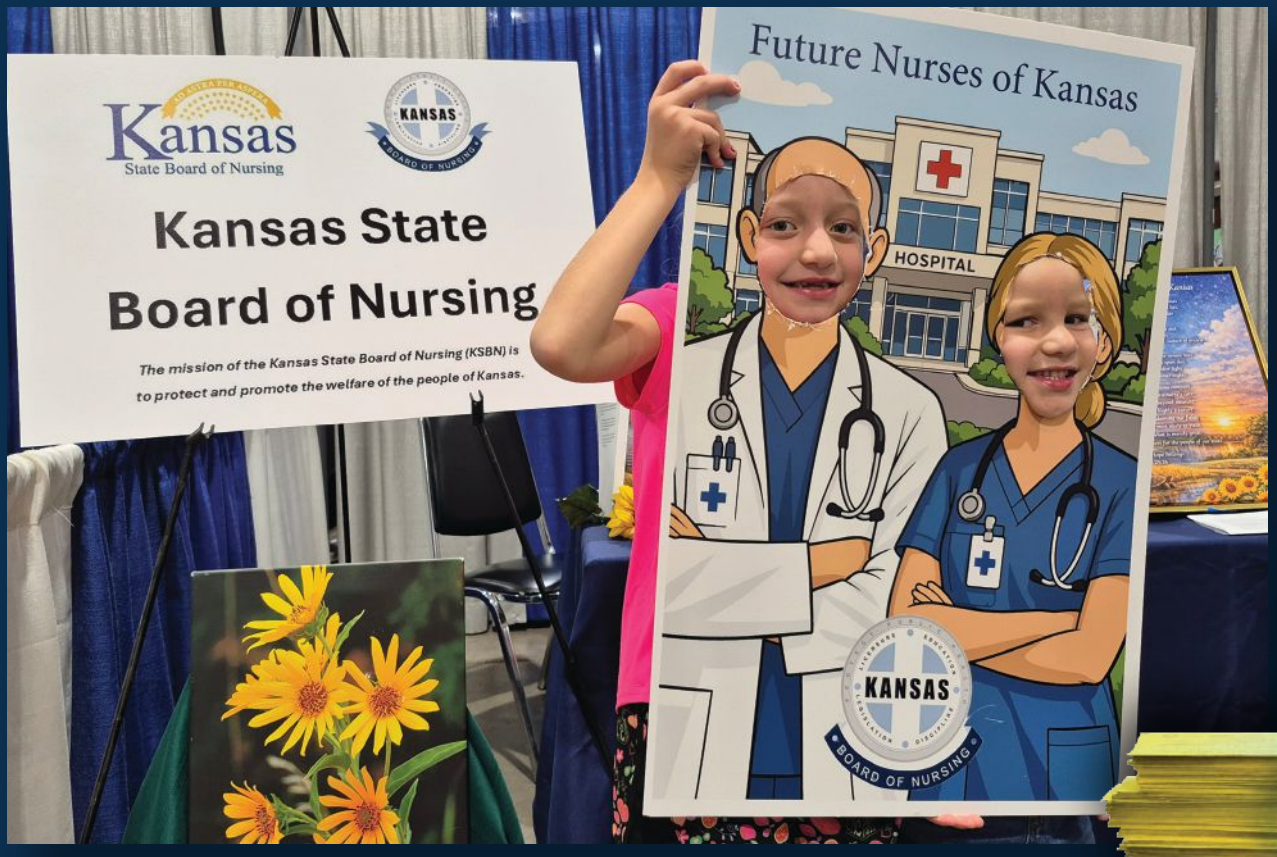
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All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jacson, Topeka, Kansas 66612.

Schedule for Board Meetings

Mon. December 7, 2026	**Mon. March 29, 2027**
9 am - Investigative Comm	9 am - Investigative Comm
Tues. December 8, 2026	**Tues. March 30, 2027**
8:30 am to 12 pm – Education Comm Room 509	8:30 am to 12 pm – Education Comm Room 509
Wed. December 9, 2026	**Wed. March 31, 2027**
9:15 am – until finish – Board Room 509	9:15 am – until finish – Board Room 509

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Adrian Guerrero, CPM
Director of Operations

Focusing on Communication in the Future of Nursing Regulation.

The mission of the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) is to protect and promote the welfare of the people of Kansas. The vision of the Board is to uphold the highest standards and secure the public trust. Since 1913 the KSBN has championed the four pillars of the regulation of professional and practical practice of nursing through Legislation, Education, Licensure, and Discipline.

The focus of this Kansas Nursing Newsletter is to explore how KSBN communicates licensure information. KSBN is doing the best it can to acknowledge and respond to the feedback we have received in Fiscal Year 2026 and to communicate how we will moving forward to make progress in, implementing the changes required by Kansas law for the future.

KSBN is intentionally requesting feedback on the communication of our progress. This work is grounded in the Core Values of KSBN:

- **Integrity:** We act with honesty, sincerity, and fairness
- **Transparency**: We promote open and effective communication through the ongoing interchange of ideas and information
- **Respect**: We understand each individual has an important role to play in achieving our goals
- **Collaboration**: We recognize the value of involving key stake-holders in the decision-making process
- **Growth**: We support continuous learning to advance individual and organizational development

Finally, if you have any feedback, questions, suggestion or advice for KSBN do not hesitate to contact me at **1-785-296-5935 or adrian.guerrero@ks.gov**

I want your help with focusing feedback to help all of us move forward for the future of nursing regulation in Kansas.
Sincerely,

Adrian Guerrero, CPM
Director of Operations

Communicating Information

It is the intention of KSBN to be a trust-worthy agent for progress in communicating nursing regulation reforms of HB 2528 and the actions KSBN is taking to implement changes in KSBN systems and processes. It is our plan that there will be limited interruption in business operations and continuity. The goal of KSBN is to proactively communicate the phases of our plans with regular updates on our KSBN Information Center: https://ksbn.kansas.gov/ksbn-information-center/

Customer Feedback

KSBN staff want your feedback. KSBN needs positive and constructive input from our customers to continue to monitor satisfaction with our services. Please take a few minutes to give us your feedback and input on our mission, vision and core values, as well as our response to your inquiries and questions. https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/VcSBqYuDRk

Regulation Engagement

Finally, if you would like to receive regular updates on KSBN legislative activities please take a few more minutes to complete our Nursing Regulation Engagement Interest Survey. By completing this form you are simply letting the KSBN know that you would like to be informed of KSBN operational updates and opportunities to engage and provide feedback to potential changes in the Kansas Nurse Practice Act statutes and regulations. https://forms.office.com/g/geFni0jUZN

Nursing License Renewal Schedule

If your license renews on: (Please refer to the Check Status of Renewal to verify your expiration date.)	You should receive your yellow renewal notice postcard by:	Your properly completed application should be in the Board office by:
Wed 9/30/2026	Mon 8/31/2026	Wed 9/30/2026
Sat 10/31/2026	Wed 9/30/2026	Sat 10/31/2026
Mon 11/30/2026	Sat 10/31/2026	Mon 11/30/2026
Thu 12/31/2026	Mon 11/30/2026	Thu 12/31/2026
Sun 1/31/2027	Thu 12/31/2026	Sun 1/31/2027
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Wed 3/31/2027	Sun 2/28/2027	Wed 3/31/2027
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Total Count of Active

Last Updated 9/10/2026

LICENSE TYPE	COUNT
Clinical Nurse Specialist:	285
Licensed Mental Health Technician:	32
Licensed Practical Nurse – Multi-State:	3,013
Licensed Practical Nurse – Single-State:	6,202
Nurse Midwife:	153
Nurse Practitioner:	10,047
Registered Nurse – Multi-State:	23,758
Registered Nurse – Single-State:	30,295
Registered Nurse Anesthetist:	1,426
TOTAL:	75,211



The Board continues to receive reports of malicious actors calling nurses representing themselves as staff members of the Board or other federal agencies. These actors indicate there are complaints, investigations or outstanding disciplinary actions pending against licensees and registrants. In most cases, malicious actors are able to spoof caller ID or mask email addresses and may even have publicly available licensee names and license numbers.

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Helping Nurses in Need

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Emily Bourne

The history of Nurses House goes back to 1922, when Emily Bourne made a charitable bequest of $300,000 in her will, requesting the funds be used to create a respite place for nurses who had fallen ill. A stately beachfront mansion with sprawling grounds was purchased in Babylon, Long Island and a volunteer board of directors was established to run and maintain the home. The estate, which eventually included an adjacent beachfront, was purchased in 1924 and opened its doors to accept nurses as guests in January 1925.

From 1925-1960 hundreds of nurses came from all over the country to enjoy the home and the company of their peers while recuperating from illness or injury. Nurses who visited were well taken care of and paid little or nothing for their stay, which included room and board and numerous daily activities. As times and needs changed, the property was sold and the funds were used to establish an organization that would provide financial assistance to nurses in their own homes via charitable grants. It was aptly named Nurses House, and the dolphin statue that had adorned the front lawn became its lasting symbol.

Beginning with just a small office in NYC in the 1960's, and a board of directors dedicated to helping nurses, Nurses House has been providing small short-term grants to RNs to help with basic needs for decades. Nurses who find themselves suffering financially due to a major health crisis can apply for a grant online at www.nurseshouse.org.

As a 501(c)3 public charity, Nurses House runs solely on donations from nurses, the healthcare community, and others who care, and is the only non-profit organization in the nation today providing short term aid to RNs suffering from illness or injury. Over the past decade Nurses House has provided over $5 million in aid to nurses in need - including $3.4 million in COVID aid - but they cannot do it alone. Nurses House depends greatly on the generosity of nurses and the nursing community to fulfill its mission. Each year Nurses House hosts a Nurses Week fundraiser from April 12-May 12 which nurse groups throughout the nation can participate in. Individuals can also host online fundraisers for Nurses House to celebrate special events or milestones such as birthdays or graduations. Nurses can also make single or recurring donations on the Nurses House website - and may choose to donate in honor of a friend or colleague, or in memory of a nurse who has passed. Additionally, Nurses House has a Legacy Circle to honor its founder, Emily Bourne. Anyone who makes a bequest to Nurses House in their will (of any amount) is added to the Legacy Circle on the Nurses House website.

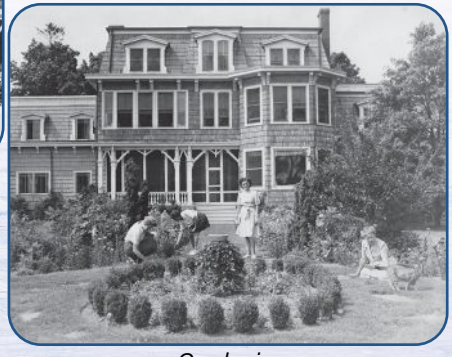
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KSBN is requesting all general questions and inquiries be made to 785-296-4929

If you know the department or person you would like to contact, please email or dial them directly at the address or phone number listed below.

Please do not email or call different KSBN staff members with the same question.

- If you leave a message, allow 2 business days for a response.
- If you do not get a response, call the general number again and ask for assistance with follow-up.

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Laura Kelly, Governor

September 9, 2026

Re: NOTICE OF BOARD ACTIONS THAT ARE VOID BY OPERATION OF LAW

To Whom It May Concern:

As required by H.B. 2528, the Kansas State Board of Nursing (the "Board") is notifying you that the disciplinary cases identified in the attached list are void by operation of law. You may find a copy of H.B. 2528 here:

- https://kslegislature.gov/b2025_26/bills/HB2528/

The Board may have previously provided you with information regarding the listed cases. As provided in H.B. 2528, each of the cases on the list is now void by operation of law. Under H.B. 2528, any matter that is void by operation of law is "expunged and deemed never to have occurred."

You may also find a copy of cases that are void by operation of law under H.B. 2528 on the KSBN website at:

- https://ksbn.kansas.gov

The Board requests that you remove all information and records regarding the cases in the attached list from any public access database and consider such records and information confidential as required by H.B. 2528.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Board at (785) 296-4325 or KSBN.void@ks.gov

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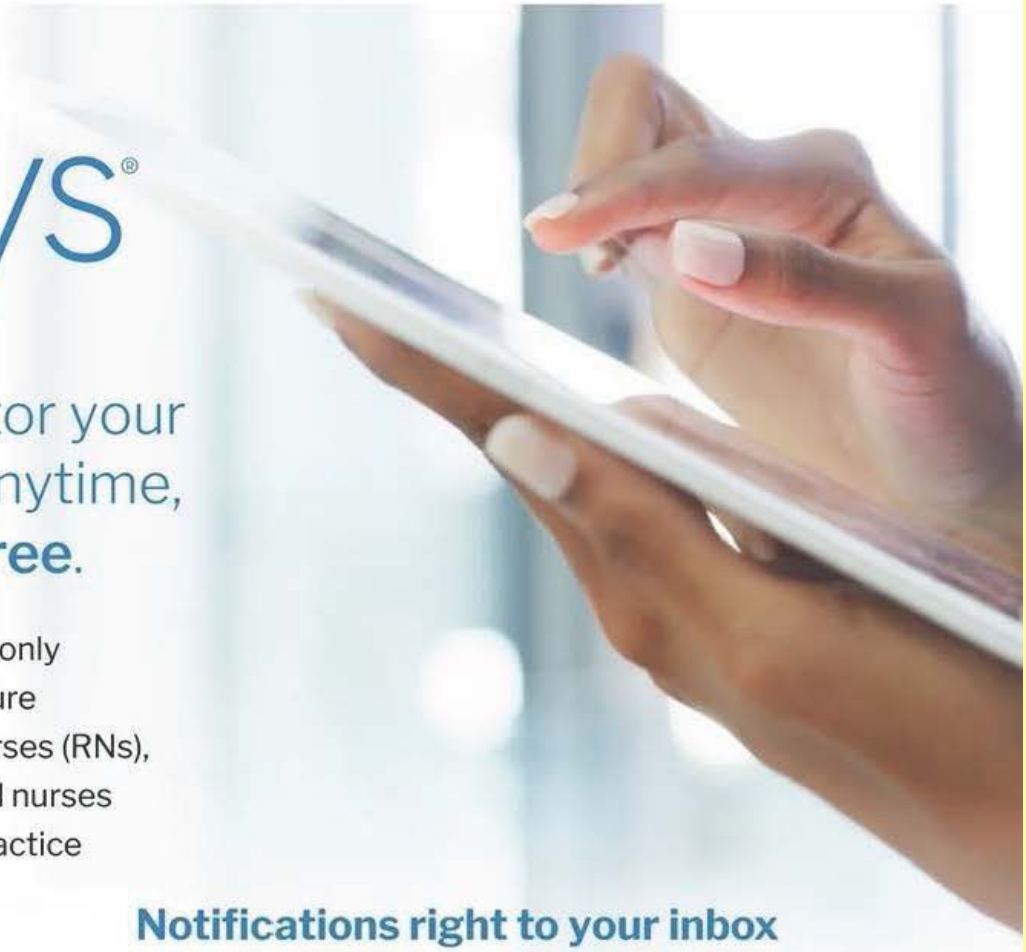
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K.S.A. 65-1113 Definitions and K.S.A. 65-1114 Unlawful Acts of the Kansas Nurse Practice Act are clear in defining the practice of nursing and the need to be licensed to practice nursing in Kansas.

The Nurses e-Notify is a free resource provided in partnership between KSBN and the NCSBN to support and assist nurses and organizations employing nurses to comply with these statutory requirements in Kansas.

Benefits for Kansas Nurses

KSBN has been a proud partner with NCSBN Nursys e-Notify since Kansas joined the Nurse Licensure Compact in 2019. Nurses enrolling in e-notify can easily verify and monitor their licensure status and expiration updates, license verifications for endorsement, and discipline notifications, and can create and manage multiple license expiration reminders. They are also alerted to any new licenses issued in their name.

NCSBN's Nursys is the only national database for licensure verification and discipline for registered nurses (RNs), licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPN/VNs) and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs). Nursys data is submitted directly from participating nursing regulatory bodies' (NRBs) databases (for participating jurisdictions visit nursys.com). Nursys is live and dynamic, and all updates to the system are reflected immediately.

As a licensed nurse in the State of Kansas why have you self-enrolled in Nursys e-Notify?



"As an experienced nurse, nurse educator, and now a Nursing Education regulator for the KSBN, it is clear that nursing education is the practice of nursing as defined in K.S.A. 65-1113 (d) (1). I would encourage all nursing faculty to self-enroll in Nursys e-Notify. It helps protect your license!"

"I would highly encourage all nursing program administrators to register to have an Institutional Nursys e-Notify account to help them document school accountability for having licensed faculty – including adjunct clinical faculty!"

"I would also encourage all nurse educators to mentor and advise all newly graduating nursing students to self-enroll in Nursys e-Notify as soon as they are licensed. I believe new nurses are vital to the health of the Kansas nursing workforce and Kansas needs all new nurses to be be respectful of themselves and all the work they did to become licensed."

Janelle B. Martin, MHSA, RN
Nursing Education Compliance Officer

As a licensed nurse in the State of Kansas why have you self-enrolled in Nursys eNotify?



"I self-enrolled in Nursys e-Notify as new graduate RN for the reminders that it has for renewing my license. I also like the map that shows the states I have the privilege to practice with my multi-state license."

"Joining Nursys is not about having another password account to keep track of. Nursys e-Notify is an account that helps me keep my license up to date."

Brandon Freeman
New RN Graduate, Pittsburg State University

As a leader in advocating for making progress in nursing workforce development in Kansas, what might you have to say to encourage all Kansas nurses to self-enroll in eNotify?



"As a nurse leader and educator your nursing license is essential to your career, make it easier to stay informed. Enroll in Nursys e-Notify, where you can receive license expiration reminders, get status updates, and track license verifications for endorsement. Take one more task off your list and stay connected to your professional license information."

Dr. Vicky McGrath I MBA, RN, CNE, OCN
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"Scheduled updates of licensure information between the State Board of Nursing and Nursys are beneficial to newly licensed nurses for changes in names and other information, including license renewal dates. All of these factors strengthen accuracy of data and information about the nursing workforce in our state."

Barbara MacArthur, MN, RN, FAAN
Director, Kansas Nursing Workforce Center, School of Nursing
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"As nurse leaders advocating for making progress in nursing workforce, we need to explain responsibilities to each nurse regarding their license and continue to talk about how important it is to be diligent in renewing a nursing license before the last week of a renewal month. With a system like Nursys, the burden can be lessened."

Jenna McClain, BSN, RN
Board President
Kansas Organization of Nurse Leaders

Licensure Communications FAQs

What is the meaning of a Kansas Nurse License Number?

Authorizing Statute is K.S.A. 65-1117 and K.A.R. 60-3-108 detail the expiration of a license number. But what do the numbers mean?

The first 2 digits reference license type: LPN, RN, APRN, RNA. These are the most common:

23 = LPN by exam in KS

24 = LPN by endorsement in KS

13 = RN by exam in KS

14 = RN by endorsement in KS

53 = APRN by exam in KS

43 = RNA by exam in KS

The last 3 digits reference the licensee's birth month (01-12) and year of birth; odd (1) or even (2).

Example 1: license number is 13-111111-042.
This is an RN licensed by exam in KS, that expires in April of every even year.

Example 2: license number is 53-111111-121
This is an APRN licensed in KS that expires in December of every odd year.

Example 3: license number is 24-111111-112
This is an LPN licensed in KS by endorsement into KS that expires in November of every even year.

How can this information be used to PREVENT hiring an IMPOSTER?

An Employer or anyone concerned can compare the last three digits of the license number to the nurse's date of birth on government issued ID (i.e., driver's license). If birth month (01-12) and year of birth (1 or 2) do not agree there might be a concern of fraud or nurse impersonation.

If a nurse has a multistate NLC license, why do employers need to verify the nurse's Drivers License home address?

- A nurse with a multistate NLC has 60-days to update the primary residence of their multistate license when they change the state of primary residence.
- KSBN is revising our nurse licensure applications to require nurses to declare that Kansas is their primary residence on initial and renewal applications.
- The only way KSBN can verify a nurse's primary residence is if they provide current a Kansas driver's license number.



Why Licensure Management Matters More Than Ever

"Your nursing license is one of your most valuable professional assets. Nursys e-Notify puts important license updates directly in your hands."

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Maintaining Public Trust: **Professional Behavior for Nurses on Social Media**

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Nursing has consistently ranked as the most trusted profession in the United States. This trust is not implicitly given; it is earned daily through competence, compassion, and professionalism. In today's digital age, however, trust is influenced not only by what nurses do at the bedside, but also by how they present themselves online.

Social media can be a powerful tool for education, advocacy, and connection. But it also carries significant risks. A single thoughtless post can harm reputations, blur professional boundaries, and weaken public confidence in nurses. Posting impulsively, engaging in online arguments, or sharing unprofessional images can damage both individual credibility and the profession's image.

Many nurses believe that they are "safe" if they post to a personal "private" social media profile. However, if the nurse has their employer listed or refers to themselves as a nurse or posts any picture of themselves in their scrubs, their "personal" profile has now become a "professional" profile. A good rule of thumb for nurses whose social media profiles identify their employer or workplace is to avoid posting or sharing anything they would not feel comfortable saying in a professional meeting with their employer.

One of the more common complaints that ASBN receives regarding nurses is about their social media activity. These complaints often include a screenshot of a post accompanied by a comment such as, "I don't want someone who talks like this, acts like this, or thinks like this caring for me or my loved one during our most vulnerable moments." This highlights an essential truth that nurses' online presence is not separate from their professional role. The public views us as nurses, regardless of whether a post is made "on duty" or "off duty."

The digital world has blurred boundaries between personal and professional life. What might feel like a casual post among friends can be viewed by patients, families, colleagues, or even regulatory boards. Deleted posts can be screenshotted, sarcasm can be misread, and political comments can polarize.

The reality is that every nurse's online footprint contributes to the broader public perception of nursing. Vulgar language, indecent images, or inflammatory rhetoric can diminish not only individual credibility but also collective trust. Exercising good judgment, restraint, and civility online is therefore an ethical duty, not simply a matter of personal preference.

Social media gives nurses a powerful platform to advocate, educate, and inspire. But with that platform comes responsibility. Every post contributes to how the public sees us, both as individuals and as a profession. By practicing civility, decency, and careful judgment online, nurses can ensure that the high level of trust we enjoy remains strong in the digital era.

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Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) at the Kansas State Fair (KSF)

Friday, September 11, 2026, to Sunday, September 20, 2026

Thank you to everyone who visited the KSBN Booth at the KSF this year. This was the first time KSBN had a booth.



Look at this fantastic family picture. Mom is a nurse and the whole family wanted to get in the picture.



Thank you to LJ Davies, Lead Instructor -Trainer, ADN Nursing Instructor at the Hutchinson Community College, for helping Andy Martin, KSBN Public Information Officer, at the KSBN booth in the Meadowlark Building at the Kansas State Fair Grounds in Hutchinson, Kansas.



These two future nurses have an older sister who is in the school of nursing at Ft. Hays State University.



KSBN got to visit the KU School of Nursing (KUSON) as part of Sunflower Sunday on September 20, 2026. These students from the KUSON Salina Campus were super kind. (Can you find the funnel cake in this photo?)

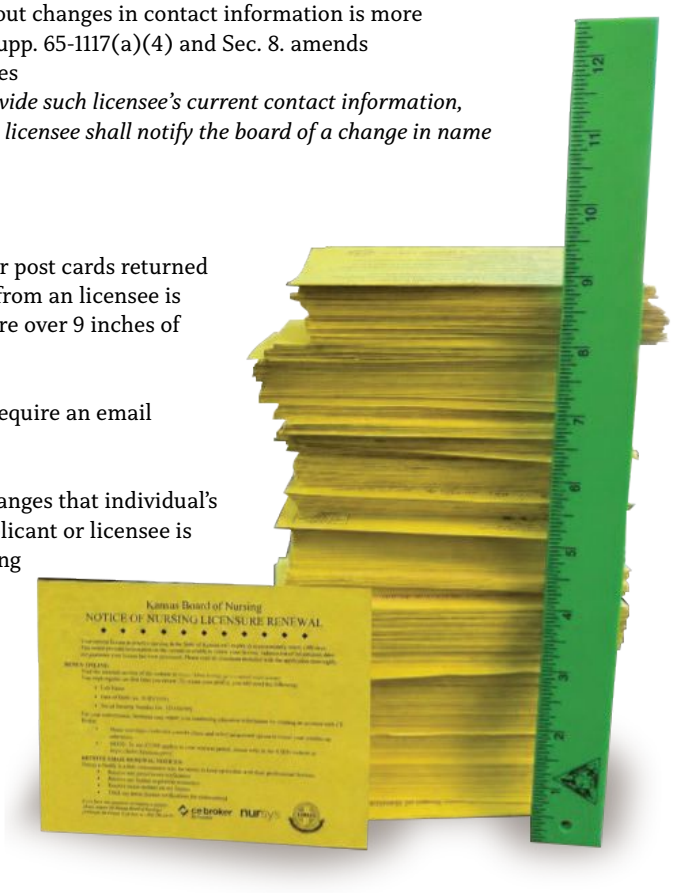


LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Communication with the Kansas State Board of Nursing about changes in contact information is more important than ever. Sec. 2. HB 2528 amends K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 65-1117(a)(4) and Sec. 8. amends K.S.A. 65-1131(a)(3) to include the following language... states

> *"The renewal application shall require a licensee to provide such licensee's current contact information, including address, phone number and email address. A licensee shall notify the board of a change in name or contact information."*

In the past year, KSBN has had hundreds of yellow reminder post cards returned as unable to deliver because the mailing address on record from an licensee is incorrect. In the picture provide here when stacked there are over 9 inches of returned post cards.



Before HB 2528, KSBN did not have statutory authority to require an email address as part of an application.

Going forward, if an applicant for licensure or a licensee changes that individual's US Postal address, email address, or phone number, the applicant or licensee is encouraged to update this required contact information using the KSBN licensure portal as soon as possible.

Applicants and licensees may also use this form to update contact information. https://ksbn.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/Forms/Address-Change.pdf

Please be aware that K.A.R. 60-3-103 regarding change of name state, "If an applicant for licensure or a licensee changes that individual's name after submitting an application or obtaining a license, the applicant or licensee shall submit legal documentation or an affidavit indicating the change of name upon a form approved by the board. The applicant or licensee shall submit the document to the board within 30 days of the change, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1117 and amendments thereto.



How to Display Your Professional Credentials Correctly

Our professional credentials are utilized for a variety of reasons which include representing levels of education, credibility, licensees of a specific field are held to a common set of standards, and assuring the public they are being treated by qualified providers.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center released an informative pamphlet with FAQs about displaying your nursing credentials in the proper order.

An important question KSBN is often asked is: What is the Preferred Order of Credentials?

The answer is:

- Highest earned degree
- Licensure
- State designations or requirements
- National certifications
- Awards and honors
- Other recognitions

Why is this the correct order?

Your highest earned education degree should be listed first because it is "permanent," meaning it cannot be taken away except under extreme circumstances.

Next are licensure and state designations/requirements – both of which are required for you to practice.

Any national certification comes next, as that is sometimes voluntary, and lastly an awards, honors, and recognitions, all of which are voluntary.

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