Information Regarding Connecticut Nurse Licensure

LPNs and RNs that are licensed in another state and are seeking a temporary permit to practice nursing in CT must do the following:

1. File an application online at [https://www.elicense.ct.gov/](https://www.elicense.ct.gov/). Applications are only accepted online.
2. For LPNs only, arrange for submission of a “verification of clinical instruction” form to be completed by the applicant’s nursing school verifying satisfaction of CT’s education requirements. Please note that LPN applicants who have not completed 1,500 hours of theory and clinical instruction may substitute licensed work experience to make up the deficiency.
3. LPNs educated outside of the United States must also arrange for a Healthcare Profession & Science Report to be submitted directly to the Department from the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

Notes:
- Temporary permits are valid for 120 calendar days from the date of issuance and are not renewable.
- Licenses held in foreign countries or U.S. territories cannot qualify applicants for CT temporary permits.

Nurses who once held a Connecticut nursing license which has lapsed due to non-renewal and have not been involved in the active, clinical practice of nursing for more than three years are required to complete a refresher course. Applicants who have been out of the active, clinical practice of nursing for longer than five years are required to complete a refresher course and successfully complete the NCLEX examination.

Licensure Contact Information:
- Telephone: (860) 509-7603 – Option #2
- Fax: (860) 509-8457
- Email: dph.nursingteam@ct.gov

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Nurse Licensure
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www.ct.gov/dph and click on Health Care Practitioner Licensing
No facility shall employ an individual as a nurse’s aide without making inquiry to the Connecticut Nurse’s Aide Registry at [https://registry.chauncey.com/registry/publicCT](https://registry.chauncey.com/registry/publicCT). It is the facility’s responsibility, prior to hire, to check the Connecticut Nurse Aide Registry to determine 1) if the nurse aide is currently registered, and 2) if any negative findings have been entered. Prior to utilizing a nurse’s aide, from a placement agency or nursing pool, the nursing home shall develop a mechanism to verify that such aide has been entered on the Connecticut Nurse Aide Registry.

**Utilization of Nurse’s Aides from Other States**

A nurse’s aide registered in another state or territory of the United States may be entered onto the Connecticut Nurse Aide Registry, provided the nurse’s aide has completed a training and competency evaluation program equal to or better than that required for registration in this state as of the date the nurse’s aide was first registered on such other state or territory. Nurse’s aides registered on other states are not eligible for employment until they have been entered onto the Connecticut Registry.

**Utilization of Licensed Nurses from Other States as Nurse’s Aides**

A registered nurse or licensed practical nurse licensed in a state other than Connecticut whose license has been verified by the nursing home as in good standing in the state in which the nurse is currently licensed, or a registered nurse trained in another country who has satisfied the certification requirements of the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools may be utilized as a nurse’s aide in Connecticut for not more than a single one hundred twenty calendar day period. Said licensed registered nurse or licensed practical nurse shall be deemed to have completed a nurse’s aide training and competency evaluation program. Upon receipt of an application and supporting documents, said licensed registered nurse or licensed practical nurse is eligible for placement on the Connecticut Nurse Aide Registry.

**Nurse Aide Registry Update Requirement**

In order for any nurse aide to remain current on the Connecticut Nurse Aide Registry, the aide must work at least one seven hour shift every twenty-four consecutive months in nursing-related employment. Individuals who have a lapse in work history greater than twenty-four consecutive months must either re-train and re-test, or re-test in order to reinstate their registration and be eligible to work in a nursing home.

Connecticut Nurse’s Aide Registry Contact Information:

For general questions, please contact the Department of Public Health, Nurse’s Aide Registry staff at (860) 509-7596.

To obtain an examination application or to schedule an examination appointment, please contact the American Red Cross at (866) 257-5892.

Question regarding examination results (after testing) and endorsement or reciprocity should be directed to Prometric at (866) 499-7485.
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Temporary Permits:
In order to be issued a temporary permit to practice as a nurse in Connecticut, an applicant must:

  - LPN applicants must also arrange for the school of nursing to submit directly to this office, a Verification of Theory and Clinical Instruction form documenting completion of at least 1,500 hours of theory and clinical instruction.
  - LPN applicants who have not completed 1,500 hours of theory and clinical instruction may substitute licensed work experience to make up the deficiency.

- Temporary permits are valid for 120 calendar days from the date of issuance, are not renewable and cannot be extended.

- Applicants who have held a temporary permit in the past are not eligible for reissuance of a permit; the applicant must apply for and be issued a full, unrestricted license.

- No temporary permit or license may be issued to an applicant who has a pending investigation or unresolved complaint in this or any other state of jurisdiction.

- Temporary permits and licenses may be verified on the Internet at [https://www.elicense.ct.gov](https://www.elicense.ct.gov).

Reinstatement of Lapsed Licenses:
Applicants who once held a Connecticut license and hold a current unrestricted license issued by another U.S. state may apply for reinstatement. Reinstatement applicants are eligible for a temporary permit as outlined above.

Nurses who once held a Connecticut nursing license which has lapsed due to non-renewal and have not been involved in the active, clinical practice of nursing for more than three years are required to complete a refresher course. Applicants who have been out of the active, clinical practice of nursing for longer than five years are required to complete a refresher course and successfully complete the NCLEX examination.

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