

Consideration of Proposed Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code § 221.4, Relating to Requirements for Full Authorization to Practice; §221.5, Relating to Provisional Authorization; and §221.6, Relating to Interim Approval

Summary of Request: Consider a request to propose amendments to Rules 221.4, 221.5, and 221.6 for the purpose of aligning Rule 221 with Chapter 305 of the Nursing Practice Act [the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Compact] and national standards.

Historical Perspective: At its October 2007 meeting, the Board charged the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee (APNAC) with reviewing Rule 221 and discussing issues related to recognition of advanced practice nurses in preparation for implementation of the APRN Compact. As part of its discussion, the Board directed the APNAC to examine two specific issues. First, the issue of whether Texas should begin referring to nurses in advanced practice as APRNs rather than as APNs (advanced practice nurses). APRN is the term utilized in the compact language, and the term clearly identifies the licensee as both an advanced practice nurse and a registered nurse. It was the consensus of the APNAC to recommend that the Board begin using APRN in order to be consistent with Chapter 305 of the Nursing Practice Act

The other issue the Board directed the APNAC to discuss is whether it would be in the best interest of the public to refer to authorization to practice as licensure rather than continuing to refer to advanced practice approval as an authorization that is linked to registered nurse (RN) licensure. The process used to review and approve applicants as advanced practice nurses is a licensure process, even though it is not presently called a license. Calling the approval a license will not change the advanced practice nurse's scope of practice in any way. The APRN's scope of practice will remain as set forth in current laws and regulations.

The Board utilizes a licensure process because it believes advanced practice nursing has evolved as a result of the complexity of services provided and the level of knowledge, skills, and competence required by individuals who provide such care. The services provided by APRNs exceed the scope of practice of RNs. Therefore, the potential for harm to the public is significantly greater for APRNs than for RNs, and a higher level of accountability is necessary. The Board's approval process ensures public protection through activities that include but are not limited to a detailed review of the individual's advanced practice nursing educational preparation related to the specialty for which he/she is seeking approval, verification of current RN licensure, and verification of appropriate national certification in the role and specialty that is congruent with the advanced practice nursing education. At least 50% of boards that are members of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) already refer to their approval process for nurse anesthetists, nurse-midwives and nurse practitioners as licensure. Nearly 40% also license clinical nurse specialists (NCSBN Member Board Profiles, data last updated January 22,2008).

Typically, licensure is considered the preferred method of regulation when the regulated activities are complex, requiring specialized knowledge, skills, and decision-making. Licensure in any profession is required when the potential for greater risk of harm to the public exists and the professional must be held to the highest level of accountability. Another key element of licensure is a unique and identifiable scope of practice. APRNs are engaged in activities that may include functions such as making medical diagnoses and ordering appropriate pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic care in collaboration with a delegating physician. The knowledge, skills and abilities required to provide advanced practice nursing care significantly exceed those acquired through entry-level nursing education programs that prepare individuals as RNs. Likewise, their scope of practice goes well beyond that of the RN and cannot be performed without completing an advanced practice nursing educational program. Therefore, the Board has established the minimum qualifications necessary for safe and competent practice, and applications for licensure are reviewed to determine that all qualifications have been met.

Calling the approval a license is not intended to replace RN licensure; rather, it will assist the public by providing greater clarity in identifying those RNs who are eligible to practice as APRNs in this state. The

public is familiar with the concept of licensure for LVNs and RNs, and this change would reinforce to the public that APRNs complete formal education beyond the RN level and must meet certain criteria to practice at the advanced practice level. The APNAC recommends that the Board consider using the term licensure to describe the advanced practice recognition process.

The attachment provides a comparison of current rule language and the APNAC's proposed amendments for the Board's consideration. One of the biggest changes recommended by the APNAC is to eliminate provisional authorization to practice for new graduates. The public, employers, and legislators have relayed to staff that the concept of provisional authorization is confusing. Eliminating this level will help to eliminate the confusion associated with it. Additionally, all certifying examinations are available via computer testing methods, allowing applicants to test quickly after graduation. Based on data from the NCSBN, graduates who delay taking VN or RN licensure examinations after graduation are less likely to be successful. It is reasonable to consider that this same concept is applicable to APRNs and certification examinations. In order to allow adequate time for test results to be received, the APNAC also recommends changing the interim approval period to 120 days from the current 90.

Pros and Cons: The proposed changes will provide greater clarity and understanding of the requirements for APRN licensure. The APNAC's recommended language would also eliminate provisional authorization, a level that is confusing to the public and APRN graduates alike. If the language remains unchanged, there will continue to be inconsistencies between Board rule, Chapter 305, and national standards.

Recommendation: Move to approve the proposed amendments to Rules 221.4, 221.5 and 221.6 as indicated in the attachment and require staff to publish the proposed revision in the *Texas Register* with a comment period of 30 days. If no negative comments are received, staff may publish the revision as adopted.

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Legend: Deleted language = ~~Strikeout~~
Proposed language = Underline

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<p>§221.4. Requirements for Full Authorization to Practice</p> <p>(a) The registered professional nurse who seeks authorization to practice as an advanced practice nurse must:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(1) hold a current, valid, unencumbered license as a registered nurse in the State of Texas or reside in any party state and hold a current, valid, unencumbered registered nurse license in that state;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(2) submit to the board such evidence as required by the board to insure compliance with §221.3 of this chapter (relating to Education);</p>	<p>§221.4. <u>Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Licensure Requirements for Full Authorization to Practice.</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>(a) Advanced practice registered nurse licensure is issued for the purpose of authorizing a registered nurse to practice in a specific advanced practice role and population-focus area.</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a b) The <u>applicant for licensure as an advanced practice registered professional nurse who seeks authorization to practice as an advanced practice nurse must shall:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(1) h<u>Hold</u> a current, valid, unencumbered license <u>or privilege to practice</u> as a registered nurse in the State of Texas or reside in any party state and hold a current, valid, unencumbered registered nurse license in that state;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(2) s<u>Submit</u> to the board such evidence as required by the board to insure compliance with § 221.3 of the advanced practice educational requirements set forth in this chapter (relating to Education). <u>Such evidence shall include official documentation</u></p>	<p>Provides a purpose statement that clarifies that licensure is required for any nurse who wishes to practice in an advanced practice role and population-focus area. The term specialty is changed to population-focus area to be consistent with the direction</p>

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<p>(3) attest, on forms provided by the board to having met the minimum of 400 hours of current practice within the preceding biennium unless the applicant has completed an advanced educational program within the preceding biennium;</p>	<p><u>verifying graduation from a graduate level advanced practice registered nurse educational program accredited by a national nursing education accrediting body that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Board . This documentation shall verify the date of graduation, credential conferred and provide evidence of meeting the standards of advanced practice registered nursing education in this state as described in this chapter. All applicants, including those seeking licensure by endorsement, must demonstrate that the educational requirements set forth in this chapter have been met. A transcript is required prior to the issuance of a permanent license.</u></p> <p>(3) aAttest, on forms provided by the board, to having met the <u>completed a</u> minimum of 400 hours of current practice <u>within the last 24 calendar months in the advanced practice role and population-focus area for which the applicant is applying</u> unless the applicant has completed an advanced <u>practice registered nursing educational program in this advanced practice role and population-focus area</u> within the preceding biennium <u>last 24 calendar months.</u></p> <p>(A) <u>If less than four years but more than two years have lapsed since completion of the advanced practice nursing educational program and/or the applicant does not have 400 hours of current</u></p>	<p>The language included in the subsections under proposed § 221.4(b)(3) parallels the language in § 221.10 relating to reinstatement of authorization to practice. Staff is often contacted by individuals who were educated</p>

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	<p><u>practice in the advanced practice role and population focus area during the previous 24 calendar months, the advanced practice registered nurse shall be required to demonstrate proof of completion of 400 hours of current practice obtained under the direct supervision of an advanced practice registered nurse licensed by the board in the same role and population focus area or by a physician in the same specialty.</u></p> <p><u>(B) If more than four years have lapsed since completion of the advanced practice nursing educational program and/or the applicant has not practiced in the advanced practice role during the previous four years, the applicant shall successfully complete a refresher course or extensive orientation in the appropriate advanced practice role and population focus area that includes a supervised clinical component by a qualified instructor/sponsor.</u></p> <p><u>(i) The course(s)/orientation shall be of sufficient length to satisfy the learning needs of the applicant and to assure that he/she meets the minimum standard for safe, competent care and include a minimum of 400 hours of current practice as described in (A) above. The course(s)/orientation shall cover the entire scope of the authorized advanced practice role and population focus area. Content shall include, but not be limited to that which is specified in board guidelines.</u></p>	<p>as APRNs who never practiced as such and now wish to be licensed/authorized to practice. Staff also receives requests from individuals who have been licensed in other states who have not actively practiced as an APRN for several years. This language clarifies that they are required to complete practice hours and provides a mechanism for them to do so under direct supervision prior to submitting an application.</p>

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<p>(4) attest, on forms provided by the board, to having obtained 20 contact hours of continuing education in the advanced specialty and role recognized by the board every two years. Continuing education in the advanced specialty and role must meet the requirements of Chapter 216 of this title (relating to Continuing Education). The 20 contact hours required for RN licensure may be met by the 20 hours required by this subsection; and</p>	<p>(ii) <u>The instructor/sponsor must provide written verification of satisfactory completion of the refresher course/extensive orientation on forms provided by the board and assurance that the individual has reviewed current practice-related information pertinent to his/her advanced practice role and population focus area;</u></p> <p>(4) aAttest, on forms provided by the board, to having obtained 20 contact hours of continuing education <u>within the last 24 calendar months in appropriate for the advanced practice specialty and role and population-focus area for which the applicant is applying.</u> Continuing education in the advanced practice specialty and role and population-focus area must meet the requirements of Chapter 216 of this title (relating to Continuing Education). The 20 contact hours required for RN licensure may be met by the 20 hours required by this subsection; and</p> <p>(5) <u>Respond to questions regarding personal background, including, but not limited to, information relating to:</u></p> <p>(A) <u>Disciplinary action or investigation regarding any professional license or credential,</u></p> <p>(B) <u>Criminal</u></p>	<p>This information is included for completeness. It reinforces that applicants must answer questions related to eligibility issues. The language is consistent with NCSBN's Model Nursing Practice Act and rules.</p>

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<p>(5) submit the required credentialing fee, which is not refundable.</p>	<p><u>offenses, including those pending appeal,</u></p> <p><u>(C) Current investigation by a grand jury or governmental agency,</u></p> <p><u>(D) Any chemical, physical or mental impairment and/or disability or treatment for such that impacts the advanced practice registered nurse's ability to practice nursing safely, and a description of accommodations and/or practice limitations needed, if any,</u></p> <p><u>(E) Any current substance use, misuse, or abuse, and</u></p> <p><u>(F) A detailed explanation and supporting documentation regarding any background information disclosed.</u></p>	
<p>(b) The applicant for advanced practice nurse authorization who completed an advanced educational program on or after January 1, 1996 must submit to the board such evidence as required by the board to ensure the applicant holds current certification in an the advanced nursing role and specialty recognized by the board. Such certification must be granted by a national certifying body recognized by the board. The board reserves</p>	<p><u>(5 6) sSubmit the required, non-refundable application fee, which is not refundable.</u></p> <p><u>(b c) The applicant for advanced practice nurse authorization who completed an advanced educational programs on or after January 1, 1996 must submit to the board such evidence as required by the board to ensure the applicant holds current certification in an the advanced nursing role and specialty recognized by the board. Such certification must be granted by a national certifying body recognized by the board. Applicants who</u></p>	

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<p>the right to designate an available national examination in a closely related specialty which that must be taken in lieu of an examination specifically related to the specialty. If an appropriate certification examination is not available and the board has not designated an alternate examination, the applicant may petition the board for waiver from the certification requirement, according to § 221.7(c) of this chapter (relating to Petitions for Waiver).</p>	<p><u>completed their advanced practice nursing educational programs on or after January 1, 1996 must submit evidence of current certification in an advanced practice role and population focus area recognized by the Board that is congruent with the advanced practice nursing educational preparation. The certification examination shall be recognized by the Board for the role and population-focus area. If a specific certification examination does not exist for the role and population focus area, the b</u>Board <u>reserves the right to designate an available national certification examination in a closely related population focus area, specialty which that must be taken in lieu of an examination specifically related to the specialty. If an appropriate certification examination is not available and the b</u>Board <u>has not designated an alternate examination, the applicant may petition the board for waiver from the certification requirement, according to the exceptions specified in § 221.7(c) of this chapter (relating to Petitions for Waiver).</u></p>	<p></p>
<p>(c) Advanced practice nurse applicants who wish to be authorized by the board for more than one designation shall complete additional education in the desired area(s) of approval in compliance with §221.3 of this chapter and obtain national certification in the advanced role and specialty from a national certifying body recognized by the board. To apply for authorization for more than one designation, the applicant shall submit a separate application and fee for each</p>	<p>(e <u>d</u>) Advanced practice <u>registered</u> nurse applicants who wish to be authorized by the board for <u>practice in</u> more than one designation <u>role and/or population-focus area</u> shall complete additional education in the desired area(s) of approval <u>licensure</u> in compliance with § 221.3 of the educational requirements set forth in this chapter and <u>meet all requirements for licensure in each additional role or population-focus area</u> obtain national certification in the advanced role and</p>	<p>Section expanded to clarify that APRN licensure is specific to an advanced practice role and population focus area. APRNs may not practice in a role or population focus area without seeking licensure from the board.</p>

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desired designation	<p>specialty from a national certifying body recognized by the board. To apply for authorization licensure for more than one title, the applicant shall submit a separate application and fee for each desired title. Additional licensure is required for those licensed advanced practice registered nurses seeking to include an additional:</p>	
	<p><u>(1) Advanced practice role and population-focus area,</u></p>	
	<p><u>(2) Population-focus area within the same advanced practice role, or</u></p>	
	<p><u>(3) Advanced practice role within the same population focus area.</u></p>	
<p>(d) After review by the board, notification of acceptability of credentials and a certificate verifying approval shall be sent to the advanced practice nurse.</p>	<p>(d e) After review by the board and verification that all requirements have been met, notification of acceptability of credentials and a certificate verifying approval licensure shall be sent to the advanced practice registered nurse.</p>	
<p>§ 221.5 Provisional Authorization.</p>	<p>§ 221.5—Provisional Authorization</p>	
<p>(a) A registered nurse who has completed an advanced educational program as required by § 221.3 of this chapter (relating to Education) and registered for a board approved national certification examination following completion of the program may be issued a provisional authorization to practice as a Graduate Advanced Practice Nurse pending notification of the results of the</p>	<p>(a) A registered nurse who has completed an advanced educational program as required by § 221.3 of this chapter (relating to Education) and registered for a board approved national certification examination following completion of the program may be issued a provisional authorization to practice as a Graduate Advanced Practice Nurse pending notification of the results of the</p>	

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<p>certification examination. An applicant may be eligible for provisional authorization only one time per authorized role. The applicant must apply for provisional authorization within six months of program completion.</p>	<p>certification examination. An applicant may be eligible for provisional authorization only one time per authorized role. The applicant must apply for provisional authorization within six months of program completion.</p>	
<p>(b) The applicant shall request the respective certifying body to notify the board of the applicant's certification examination results.</p>	<p>(b) The applicant shall request the respective certifying body to notify the board of the applicant's certification examination results.</p>	
<p>(c) Provisional authorization to practice as a graduate advanced practice nurse shall expire with the first occurrence of any of the following:</p>	<p>(c) Provisional authorization to practice as a graduate advanced practice nurse shall expire with the first occurrence of any of the following:</p>	
<p>(1) One year from the date of completion of the advanced educational program,</p>	<p>(1) One year from the date of completion of the advanced educational program;</p>	
<p>(2) When the applicant receives full authorization to practice as an advanced practice nurse, or</p>	<p>(2) When the applicant receives full authorization to practice as an advanced practice nurse, or</p>	
<p>(3) When the applicant receives notice from the national certifying body that he/she has failed the national certification examination.</p>	<p>(3) When the applicant receives notice from the national certifying body that he/she has failed the national certification examination.</p>	
<p>(d) Failure to pass the certification examination on the first attempt will immediately render the applicant ineligible to practice in the advanced practice role or utilize advanced practice titles. The provisional authorization to practice is rescinded and the application for full</p>	<p>(d) Failure to pass the certification examination on the first attempt will immediately render the applicant ineligible to practice in the advanced practice role or utilize advanced practice titles. The provisional authorization to practice is rescinded and the application for full</p>	

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<p>authorization to practice is denied.</p> <p>(1) The applicant must immediately notify the board of the examination results and return the original provisional authorization to practice document to the board's office accompanied by a photocopy of the examination results.</p> <p>(2) The applicant who fails to pass the certification examination on the first attempt may continue to test until he/she achieves national certification in the advanced role and specialty.</p> <p>(3) An applicant who fails to pass the certification examination may continue to practice as a registered nurse.</p>	<p>authorization to practice is denied.</p> <p>(1) The applicant must immediately notify the board of the examination results and return the original provisional authorization to practice document to the board's office accompanied by a photocopy of the examination results.</p> <p>(2) The applicant who fails to pass the certification examination on the first attempt may continue to test until he/she achieves national certification in the advanced role and specialty.</p> <p>(3) An applicant who fails to pass the certification examination may continue to practice as a registered nurse.</p>	
<p>may not:</p> <p>(A) The applicant</p> <p>(i) Practice as an advanced practice nurse,</p> <p>(ii) Claim to be an advanced practice nurse or hold himself/herself out to be an advanced practice nurse, or</p> <p>(iii) Use a title or any other designation tending to imply that the person is authorized as an advanced practice nurse.</p>	<p>may not:</p> <p>(A) The applicant</p> <p>(i) Practice as an advanced practice nurse,</p> <p>(ii) Claim to be an advanced practice nurse or hold himself/herself out to be an advanced practice nurse, or</p> <p>(iii) Use a title or any other designation tending to imply that the person is authorized as an advanced practice nurse.</p>	
<p>(B) The applicant may utilize his/her advanced knowledge,</p>	<p>(B) The applicant may utilize his/her advanced knowledge,</p>	

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<p>skills, and abilities if an advanced practice nurse authorized to practice in the same role and an appropriate specialty or a physician in the specialty area:</p>	<p>skills, and abilities if an advanced practice nurse authorized to practice in the same role and an appropriate specialty or a physician in the specialty area:</p>	
<p>(i) Agrees to continuously monitor all aspects of the applicant's practice that are beyond the scope of practice of a registered nurse,</p>	<p>(i) Agrees to continuously monitor all aspects of the applicant's practice that are beyond the scope of practice of a registered nurse;</p>	
<p>(ii) Assumes complete responsibility for all aspects of the care and services provided by the applicant that are beyond the scope of practice of the registered nurse,</p>	<p>(ii) Assumes complete responsibility for all aspects of the care and services provided by the applicant that are beyond the scope of practice of the registered nurse;</p>	
<p>(iii) Co-signs all documentation, and</p>	<p>(iii) Co-signs all documentation, and</p>	
<p>(iv) Continuously remains on site with the applicant and is physically present or immediately available at all times.</p>	<p>(iv) Continuously remains on site with the applicant and is physically present or immediately available at all times.</p>	
<p>(4) When the applicant obtains national certification in the advanced role and specialty, he/she may be eligible to reapply for authorization to practice as an advanced practice nurse. The applicant must meet all requirements for full authorization to practice as an advanced practice nurse as specified in § 221.4 of this chapter at the time he/she reapplies.</p>	<p>(4) When the applicant obtains national certification in the advanced role and specialty, he/she may be eligible to reapply for authorization to practice as an advanced practice nurse. The applicant must meet all requirements for full authorization to practice as an advanced practice nurse as specified in § 221.4 of this chapter at the time he/she reapplies.</p>	
<p>§221.6. Interim Approval.</p>	<p>§ 221.6. Interim Approval.</p>	

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<p>(a) Interim approval may be granted by the board pending completion of the application process for a period not to exceed 90 days. Extensions of the interim approval period shall not be granted.</p>	<p><u>(a) Interim approval is a time-limited permit to practice nursing in a specific advanced practice role and population-focus area.</u></p>	<p>Provides a definition for interim approval.</p>
<p>(1) The registered nurse seeking interim approval as an advanced practice nurse must complete documentation provided by the board verifying that he/she meets all requirements of this chapter and has completed and mailed the appropriate documents to the educational program or organization for completion.</p>	<p>(a b) Interim approval may be granted by the board <u>to eligible applicants.</u> <u>Interim approval permits the advanced practice registered nurse applicant to practice without prescriptive authority while pending completion of the application is reviewed process for a period not to exceed 90 days.</u> Extensions of the interim approval period shall not be granted.</p> <p>(1) The registered nurse applying for interim approval as an advanced practice <u>registered nurse applicant who meets all requirements and applies for interim approval</u> must complete documentation provided by the board verifying <u>attesting that: he/she meets all requirements of this chapter and has completed and mailed the appropriate documents to the educational program or organization for completion.</u></p> <p><u>(A) He/She meets all requirements for full licensure in an advanced practice registered nurse role and population-focus area in the state of Texas and</u></p> <p><u>(B) Has completed and submitted the appropriate documents to the advanced practice nursing educational program or designated organization for completion.</u></p>	<p>Revised for clarity</p>

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(2) A letter shall be issued by the board granting interim approval.	<p data-bbox="779 264 1310 321">(2) A letter shall be issued by the board granting interim approval.</p> <p data-bbox="779 354 1310 500"><u>(2) An applicant for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse who is a new graduate of an advanced practice registered nursing education program may be eligible for interim approval.</u></p> <p data-bbox="779 532 1310 651"><u>(A) The graduate advanced practice registered nurse applicant must apply for interim approval within six months of the program completion date.</u></p> <p data-bbox="779 683 1310 954"><u>(B) The graduate advanced practice registered nurse applicant must provide verification that he/she is approved by a national certifying body to sit for the national certification examination recognized by the Board for the advanced practice role and population focus area that is congruent with his/her advanced practice nursing educational preparation.</u></p> <p data-bbox="779 987 1310 1101"><u>(C) The graduate advanced practice registered nurse shall notify the board of the official national certification examination results.</u></p> <p data-bbox="779 1133 1310 1312"><u>(D) Interim approval to practice as a graduate advanced practice registered nurse shall expire immediately when the applicant receives notice from the national certifying body that he/she has failed the national certification examination.</u></p>	<p data-bbox="1352 264 1892 289">Moved for improved flow.</p> <p data-bbox="1352 354 1892 500">Language parallels content included in current Rule 221.5 related to provisional authorization. Rescinds interim approval and application will be denied if new graduates fail the national certification examination.</p> <p data-bbox="1352 532 1892 589">Consistent with current requirements for new graduate APRNs.</p> <p data-bbox="1352 678 1892 797">Included as a measure to ensure that applicants have sufficient time to test and receive results during the interim approval period.</p>

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<p>(3) An applicant is eligible for interim approval one time only per specialty and role.</p>	<p><u>(i) Failure to pass the certification examination on the first attempt immediately renders the applicant ineligible to practice in the advanced practice role or utilize that advanced practice registered nurse title or titles that imply the bearer is an advanced practice registered nurse.</u></p> <p><u>(ii) The applicant must immediately notify the board of the examination results and return the original interim approval document to the board's office accompanied by a photocopy of the examination results. Upon notification of the examination failure, the board will issue written notification that the interim approval to practice is rescinded and the application for advanced practice registered nurse licensure is denied.</u></p> <p><u>(iii) An applicant who fails to pass the certification examination may continue to practice as a registered nurse.</u></p> <p><u>(3) Interim approval may be granted for a period of up to 120 days. An eligible applicant is eligible for may be granted interim approval one time only per specialty and role and population-focus area. Extensions or renewals of the interim approval period shall not be granted.</u></p> <p><u>(4) The Board grants interim approval to eligible advanced practice</u></p>	<p>Clarifies that the Board may withhold interim approval if it appears the nurse may not be</p>

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<p>(b) An applicant who submits a request for waiver from the requirements of the rules as set forth in §221.4 (relating to Full Authorization to Practice) and §221.5 (relating to Provisional Authorization) of this chapter shall not be eligible for interim approval.</p>	<p><u>registered nurse applicants.</u></p> <p>(b c) An <u>advanced practice registered nurse</u> applicant who submits a request for waiver from the requirements of the rules as for licensure set forth in § 221.4 (relating to Full Authorization to Practice) and § 221.5 (relating to Provisional Authorization) of this chapter shall not be eligible for interim approval <u>unless otherwise indicated in this chapter.</u></p>	<p>eligible.</p>
<p>(c) If an applicant is deemed ineligible for advanced practice authorization, the interim approval will be rescinded immediately, effective on the date the notice is sent by mail. The applicant must cease holding him/herself out as or using titles to imply that he/she is an advanced practice nurse.</p>	<p>(e d) If an <u>advanced practice registered nurse</u> applicant is deemed ineligible for advanced practice authorization licensure, the interim approval will be rescinded immediately, effective on the date the notice is sent by mail. The applicant must cease holding him/herself out practicing as an advanced practice registered nurse or using and may no longer use any titles to that imply to the public that he/she is an advanced practice <u>registered</u> nurse.</p>	