

Consideration of Proposed Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §216.8, Relating to Relicensure Process

Background: The proposed amendments are necessary for consistency with proposed changes to §216.3 (relating to Continuing Competency Requirements) that were approved by the Board at its July 2019 quarterly meeting and published in the *Texas Register* on August 30, 2019. Those proposed rules implement several continuing competency requirements resulting from the 86th Legislative Session. Their adoption will be considered separately in Agenda Item 6.3.

Board Action: Move to approve the proposed amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code §216.8, pertaining to *Relicensure Process*, as set out in Attachment "A", with authority for the General Counsel to make editorial changes as necessary to clarify rule and Board intent and to comply with the formatting requirements of the *Texas Register*. If no negative comments and no request for a public hearing are received, move to adopt the proposed amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code §216.8, pertaining to *Relicensure Process*, as proposed.

Attachment "A"

§216.8. Relicensure Process.

(a) (No change.)

(b) Persons licensed by examination. A candidate licensed by examination shall be exempt from the CNE contact hours or approved national nursing certification requirement for issuance of the initial Texas license and for the immediate licensing period following initial Texas licensure with the exception of applicable targeted continuing competency requirements in [~~under~~] §216.3[~~(d)~~] of this chapter (relating to Continuing Competency Requirements).

(c) Persons licensed by endorsement. An applicant licensed by endorsement shall be exempt from the CNE contact hours or approved national nursing certification requirement for issuance of the initial Texas license and for the immediate licensing period following initial Texas licensure with the exception of applicable targeted continuing competency requirements in [~~under~~] §216.3[~~(d)~~] of this chapter (relating to Continuing Competency Requirements).

(d) Delinquent license.

(1) A license that has been delinquent for less than four years may be renewed by the licensee submitting proof of having completed 20 contact hours of acceptable CNE or a current approved national nursing certification in his or her prior area of practice within the two years immediately preceding application for relicensure and by meeting all other Board requirements. A licensee shall be exempt from the continuing competency requirements for the immediate licensing period following renewal of the delinquent license with the exception of applicable targeted continuing competency

requirements in [~~under~~] §216.3[~~(d)~~] of this chapter (relating to Continuing Competency Requirements).

(2) (No change.)

(e) Reactivation of a license.

(1) A license that has been inactive for less than four years may be reactivated by the licensee submitting proof of having completed 20 contact hours of acceptable CNE or a current approved national nursing certification in his or her prior area of practice within the two years immediately preceding application for reactivation and by meeting all other Board requirements. A licensee shall be exempt from the continuing competency requirements for the immediate licensing period following reactivation of the license with the exception of targeted continuing competency requirements in [~~under~~] §216.3[~~(d)~~] of this chapter (relating to Continuing Competency Requirements).

(2) (No change.)

(f) (No change.)