

FOR INDIVIDUALS FILING VIA THE ONLINE APPLICATION

These forms are to be used by applicants who have completed the Texas Board of Nursing online application for initial licensure by Endorsement in Texas. In order to continue the application process and potentially receive a permanent license, you must follow through with the following three (3) items:

- **PASS THE TEXAS NURSING JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION.**
- **SUBMIT FINGERPRINTS FOR A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK (CBC)**
- **PROVIDE VERIFICATION FOR ANY/ALL PREVIOUSLY/CURRENTLY HELD LICENSES/AUTHORITIES TO PRACTICE.**

NURSING JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION (NJE)

Effective September of 2008, all applicants for initial licensure in the state of Texas must take and pass the Nursing Jurisprudence Examination (NJE) prior to issuance of a permanent license. (Rule 217.17)

The NJE is:

- based on the Texas Nursing Practice Act (NPA) and the Texas Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations;
- designed to cover information which will facilitate your practice in the state of Texas;
- a maximum of two (2) hours in length;
- “open-book” in nature in that you will have access to our website and other resource material while taking the test;
- reset within twenty-four (24) hours in the event you are not successful (for **any** reason);
- included in your endorsement application fee;
- **NOT related to the NCLEX.**

Preparing for the NJE

Although outside preparation is not required for this examination, we recommend that you view a copy of the NPA and Board Rules and Regulations from our website by going to www.bon.texas.gov and clicking on “Nursing Law and Rules”. In addition, a **voluntary** online jurisprudence prep course is available on the Board’s website at <http://www.bon.texas.gov/olv/je-course.html>. You may also purchase a hard copy of the NPA and Rules and Regulations by downloading the Publications Order form from our website under “download other paper applications and forms”. (Return the form and fee to the address located at the top of the form).

Accessing the NJE

Within ten (10) business days of the Board receiving the endorsement application and fee, your credentials will be added to our database which should grant you access to the NJE.

- Go to www.bon.texas.gov/olv/je.html and follow the instructions to log on and complete the examination.

The examination takes a maximum of two hours in length. If you are not successful in passing the examination or if the system locks up, you may retake the examination again after 24 (twenty-four) hours have elapsed from the previous attempt. The cost of the examination is included in your application fee.

You must pass this examination before the Texas Board of Nursing can review your application for issuance of the permanent license.

Note: If you completed the NJE as part of the requirements for completing a Refresher Course or Examination, then the passing results can be used for the Endorsement application portion as well.

Criminal Background Check

Effective 2004, a criminal background check report (CBC) is required for applicants for licensure in Texas.

The CBC:

- is based on the set of fingerprints you provide to MorphoTrust;
- completed through the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI);
- results are sent directly to the BON by DPS and FBI;
- cannot be sent by the applicant;
- cannot be results that were completed for another facility

The following information will assist you in submitting the required fingerprints to our office:

Applicants residing in Texas:

Read the instructions below for 'Applicants residing in Texas' to schedule your electronic fingerprint submission.

Note: MorphoTrust (IdentoGO) cannot transmit electronic submissions from MorphoTrust sites located outside the state of Texas. If you are located outside the State of Texas then follow the directions below.

Applicants residing outside Texas:

Read the instructions below for 'Applicants residing outside Texas' to obtain, register, and mail your fingerprint card to MorphoTrust.

NOTE: The Texas Board of Nursing does not make judgments regarding the fingerprints that are submitted. Occasionally DPS and/or the FBI will notify the BON that the fingerprints submitted were not usable and/or readable and therefore have been rejected. You will be notified that a rejection has been received and another set of fingerprints is required. The BON can only submit a request to initiate a name search on your behalf if our office has received two (2) quality rejections from the FBI within the past year. A rejection for any other reason (i.e. smudging, impressions too light etc.) will not count towards this requirement.



FOR APPLICANTS RESIDING IN TEXAS

The Texas Department of Public Safety has entered into an exclusive contract with MorphoTrust, which operates over 80 Identogo Centers around Texas, to provide statewide electronic fingerprinting. The goal of the Fingerprint Applicant Services of Texas (FAST) Program is to provide convenient applicant fingerprinting services throughout the state of Texas. Identogo is committed to a 98% classifiable rate which means quality prints, less rejections, and quick responses. Appointments are available by scheduling on-line at <http://www.identogo.com> or by calling **1-888-467-2080**. The cost of this service is \$10.00 plus a \$29.75 fee for the State and National Criminal History Record Information. Fees associated with the F.A.S.T. service may be paid online with a credit card or onsite with a check or money order made payable to MorphoTrust USA only. (Cash is not accepted.)

The general process for electronic fingerprinting is:

1. Schedule an appointment to be electronically fingerprinted by MorphoTrust USA at one of their Identogo enrollment centers.
 - Internet based scheduling is the quickest and most convenient way to obtain a fingerprint appointment.
 - a. You may begin the process now by simply clicking on this link:
<https://uenroll.identogo.com/servicecode/119TF2>
 - b. and then; click “**Schedule an Appointment**”.
 - c. Once you have scheduled your appointment, you are **not** required to bring the form to your visit.
 - If you prefer to schedule over the telephone, you must:
 - a. First download the TX Fingerprint Service Code form here:
http://www.bon.texas.gov/pdfs/forms_pdfs/background/TX-S-Code-119TF2-Nurse-Examiners.pdf
 - b. Then call **888.467.2080**;
 - c. Please have the TX Fingerprint Service Code form before you call –MorphoTrust will prompt you for the Service Code (**119TF2**) on the form;
 - d. Once you have scheduled your appointment, you are **not** required to bring the form to your visit.
2. Arrive at your scheduled appointment with your photo identification and fee
 - If you plan on bringing a form of identification other than a valid (unexpired) TX Driver License, please refer to the Department of Public Safety’s acceptable document types here:
<http://www.l1enrollment.com/state/forms/tx/55fc619a7f7aa.doc>
 - MorphoTrust accepts Visa/MasterCard/Discover/American Express, business checks, money orders and coupon codes (employer accounts) at the time of service.
 - Please note that personal checks and cash are **not accepted**.
3. Your fingerprints will be submitted electronically to DPS and the FBI. You will not receive a printed fingerprint card.
4. At the conclusion of your appointment, the MorphoTrust enrollment agent will provide you with an Identogo receipt stating that you were fingerprinted.
 - Do not throw away the receipt;
 - You may check status on your submission by clicking on this link:
<https://uenroll.identogo.com/servicecode/119TF2> and then;
 - Click “**Check Status**”

Fingerprints provided for this application shall be used to check criminal history records of the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in accordance with applicable statutes.



FOR APPLICANTS RESIDING OUTSIDE TEXAS

The Texas Department of Public Safety has entered into an exclusive contract with MorphoTrust, which operates over 80 Identogo Centers around Texas, to provide statewide electronic fingerprinting. The goal of the Fingerprint Applicant Services of Texas (FAST) Program is to provide convenient applicant fingerprinting services throughout the state of Texas. Identogo is committed to a 98% classifiable rate which means quality prints, less rejections, and quick responses. Appointments are available by scheduling on-line at <http://www.identogo.com> or by calling **1-888-467-2080**. The cost of this service is \$10.00 plus a \$29.75 fee for the State and National Criminal History Record Information. Fees associated with the F.A.S.T. service may be paid online with a credit card or onsite with a check or money order made payable to MorphoTrust USA only. (Cash is not accepted.)

When electronic fingerprinting is not available (i.e. out of state applicants), the following process must be followed to submit ink fingerprint cards.

1. Pre-enroll with MorphoTrust USA to submit fingerprint cards.
 - Internet based pre-enrollment is the quickest and most convenient way to submit fingerprint cards.
 - a. You may begin the process now by simply clicking on this link: <https://uenroll.identogo.com/servicecode/119TF2> and then;
 - b. Click **“Schedule an Appointment”**;
 - c. On the screen that prompts for your zip code, instead click the **“Pay for Ink Card Submission”** button and complete all required fields on the following page;
 - d. Complete payment screen;
 - e. Print the confirmation document containing a bar code and complete by signing the waiver and filling in contact information;
 - f. Once you have obtained your fingerprint cards, follow mail-in directions on the confirmation document.
 - If you prefer to pre-enroll over the telephone, you must:
 - a. First download the TX Fingerprint Service Code form here: http://www.bon.texas.gov/pdfs/forms_pdfs/background/TX-S-Code-119TF2-Nurse-Examiners.pdf
 - b. Then call **888.467.2080**
 - c. Please have the TX Fingerprint Service Code form before you call –MorphoTrust will prompt you for the Service Code (**119TF2**) on the form;
 - d. Inform the MorphoTrust representative that you wish to pre-enroll for a **“hard card submission”**;
 - e. Once payment is complete a summary confirmation document will be emailed to you;
 - f. Print the confirmation document and complete by signing the waiver and filling in contact information;
 - g. Once you have obtained your fingerprint cards, follow mail-in directions on the confirmation page.
2. Obtain a copy of your fingerprints by a criminal law enforcement agency on an original FBI APPLICANT fingerprint card that includes the Texas Board of Nursing ORI – TX920440Z. ALL requested information must be provided on the fingerprint card, and **you and the official taking the fingerprints** must sign the card.
3. **All fingerprints MUST be captured by a law enforcement agency.**
4. Once you have obtained your fingerprint cards, follow the mail-in directions found on the MorphoTrust Pre-Enrollment Confirmation Page that you previously printed and completed.
5. Wait for a receipt from MorphoTrust USA.
 - You may check status on your submission by clicking on this link: <https://uenroll.identogo.com/servicecode/XXXXXX> and then;
 - Click **“Check Status”**

Fingerprints provided for this application shall be used to check criminal history records of the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in accordance with applicable statutes.

VERIFICATION LICENSE(S) (VOL)

Keeping in line with the Board's mission, protecting and promoting the welfare of the people of Texas, the BON requires license verifications for ALL licenses/authorities to practice that were previously issued. The verification must provide the basis of licensure, date of issuance, licensure status, and any disciplinary history. If the basis of licensure is by examination, the verification should also provide the nurses' education information (i.e. name of nursing program, date of graduation).

Per NPA Sec 301.260(a)(3) the BON requires proof of initial licensing by examination. If you were not granted a license in your exam state due to lack of a U.S. social security number at that time, then you must contact that state directly and request that a **TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE FORM** be completed on your behalf. All other individuals **MUST** have a verification of licensure sent to the BON. Also, if the exam verification does not contain the education information, and the BON is not able to obtain the education information by other means, you may be requested to submit a copy of your nursing program diploma.

There are two (2) ways to obtain a license verification from U.S states/territories, and a third option for those nurses licensed *internationally*:

1) **NURSYS**

NURSYS (**Nurse System**) is a national database that contains nurse license and license discipline information provided by participating boards of nursing in the U.S. and its territories. To view a list of the participating states go to www.nursys.com and click on "participating board of nursing".

If you hold or have ever held an RN license in any of the states listed on the NURSYS website, then you **MUST** complete a verification request through this national database. Once you complete the process through NURSYS, the Texas BON will have access to the required license verification report for these particular states.

Note: Paper verifications from NURSYS participating states will be rejected.

2) **TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE FORM:**

If you hold or have ever held an RN license in any other state/nursing jurisdiction(s), ***other than those listed on the NURSYS website***, you **MUST** submit the Texas Board of Nursing Verification of Licensure Form to that appropriate state/nursing jurisdiction(s) for completion. If you need to submit this form to multiple nursing boards/nursing jurisdictions, you will need to copy the form and forward it accordingly. Call the state/nursing jurisdiction to inquire about their verification procedure and required fee.

ALL applicants must request a verification of licensure from the state in which the NCLEX was taken even if a license was not issued from that state. A copy of the NCLEX Pass Results (Candidate Report) are not acceptable for the purpose of this application.

Internationally licensed nurses:

If you currently have or have ever held a nursing license, or been granted authority to practice nursing from a country other than the United States, you may request a verification of licensure from that state, country, province or territory by sending the "Verification of Licensure Form" to the appropriate authority.

We will also accept a license verification contained in a Credential Evaluation Service (**CES**) Full Education course-by-course report from the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS), the Educational Records Evaluation Service, Inc. (ERES) or the International Education Research Foundation, Inc. (IERF). The verification of licensure must be contained in the CES and must have been validated within **one year** of the date the application for endorsement is filed with the Texas Board of Nursing. You may access this service by going to one of the following websites: www.cgfns.org, www.eres.com or www.ierf.org.

IMPORTANT: *Verification(s) of licensure must be received from **ALL** states/provinces/territories and/or countries to obtain permanent licensure in the State of Texas. We recommend that you check with each nursing board/authority regarding fees and/or other criteria. A copy of the nursing license(s) and/or a website print out is not acceptable.*

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING
333 Guadalupe, Ste. 3-460, Austin, Texas 78701

VERIFICATION OF LICENSED VOCATIONAL/PRACTICAL NURSE LICENSURE FORM
(This form is to be sent to those states/territories/countries that DO NOT participate in NURSYS)

I. APPLICANT: To be completed by the applicant and forwarded to the appropriate licensing authority.

Name (Last, First, Middle, Maiden)		Previous Name(s)		
Current Address		City	State	Zip
Date of Birth (mo/day/yr)	Social Security Number	Basic Nursing Education Program -Type of Basic Nursing Program [] VN/PN PROGRAM [] OTHER		
Name as it appeared on original license issued by this state/territory/country/province (Last, First, Middle, Maiden)		City where nursing program was located	State/Province of Nursing Program	Date of Completion
State of Licensure	Issue Date of Licensure	Original License Number		

II. LICENSING BOARD/AGENCY: To be completed by licensing board(s) where you hold LVN/PN licensure and forwarded to the Texas Board of Nursing (ENDORSEMENT)

This is to certify that _____ was issued LVN/PN license number _____ Date Issued _____
(Applicant)

Basis of Licensure: [] Examination* [] Endorsement [] Waiver *If license was issued by Examination answer section III

Current Licensure Status: [] Active [] Inactive [] Lapsed Expiration Date: _____

Has this license ever been encumbered (denied, revoked, suspended, surrendered, restricted, limited, placed on probation)? **[] YES [] NO
** If yes, please send certified copies of Board actions.

III. NURSING PROGRAM/EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Name of Basic LVN/PN Nursing Education Program Completed					Approved by State/Province/Territory at the time of graduation? [] YES [] NO	
Location (city/state/province/territory/country)			Graduation Date		Type of Basic Nursing Program [] DIP (PN) [] CERT [] ADN (PN) [] Other : _____	
STATE BOARD TEST POOL EXAMINATION FOR LICENSED VOCATIONALNURSES					NCLEX-LVN®	
	Medical Nursing	Psychiatric Nursing	Obstetric Nursing	Surgical Nursing	Nursing of Children	Comprehensive Exam
Score						
Series/ Form#						

Has this license ever been encumbered (denied, revoked, suspended, surrendered, limited, placed on probation)? **[] YES [] NO
** If yes, please send certified copies of Board actions.

Licensing Board must affix seal and sign document below

(SEAL)

Signature: _____

Title: _____

State: _____ Date: _____

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING
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VERIFICATION OF REGISTERED NURSE LICENSURE FORM
(This form is to be sent to those states/territories/countries that DO NOT participate in NURSYS)

II. APPLICANT: To be completed by the applicant and forwarded to the appropriate licensing authority.

Name (Last, First, Middle, Maiden)		Previous Name(s)		
Current Address		City	State	Zip
Date of Birth (mo/day/yr)	Social Security Number	Basic Nursing Education Program -Type of Basic Nursing Program [] DIP [] ADN [] BSN [] OTHER		
Name as it appeared on original license issued by this licensing authority (Last, First, Middle, Maiden)		City where nursing program was located	State/Province of Nursing Program	Date of Completion
State of Licensure	Issue Date of Licensure	Original License Number		

III. LICENSING BOARD/AGENCY: To be completed by licensing board(s) where you hold RN licensure and forwarded to the Texas Board of Nursing (ENDORSEMENT)

This is to certify that _____ was issued RN license number _____ Date Issued _____

(Applicant)
Basis of Licensure: [] Examination* [] Endorsement [] Waiver *If license was issued by Examination answer section III

Current Licensure Status: [] Active [] Inactive [] Lapsed Expiration Date: _____

Has this license ever been encumbered (denied, revoked, suspended, surrendered, restricted, limited, placed on probation)? **[] YES [] NO
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Basic Nursing Education Program Completed						Approved by State/Province/Territory? [] YES [] NO
Location (city/state/province)				Graduation Date		Type of Basic Nursing Program [] DIP [] ADN [] BSN [] Other : _____
STATE BOARD TEST POOL EXAMINATION FOR REGISTERED NURSES						NCLEX-RN®
	Medical Nursing	Psychiatric Nursing	Obstetric Nursing	Surgical Nursing	Nursing of Children	Comprehensive Exam
Score						
Series/ Form#						

Has this license ever been encumbered (denied, revoked, suspended, surrendered, limited, placed on probation)? **[] YES [] NO
** If yes, please send certified copies of Board actions.

Licensing Board must affix seal and sign document below

(SEAL)

Signature: _____

Title: _____

State: _____ Date: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **TEMPORARY LICENSES:**

Within ten (10) business days of receipt of the completed paper application and correct endorsement fee, the Texas Board of Nursing will review your eligibility for issuance of a one-time, 120 day temporary license. Temporary licenses are issued once per lifetime, and cannot be extended, or renewed for any reason, regardless of the number of times a person applies.

Common reasons for delay in the temporary license being issued include but are not limited to:

- Issues regarding an applicant's education,
- Issues regarding an applicant's address/declaration of primary state of residency,

- **ACTIVE APPLICATIONS:**

Per our Records Retention Schedule, an application and payment are considered to be active for up to ONE YEAR from the date of receipt in the Board's office. All licensure requirements must be met within that year's timeframe or the application and payment will be considered null and void. Should this occur, a new application and payment would need to be submitted; and the nurse will need to meet all current requirements in effect at that time.

Note: The only exceptions are the nursing jurisprudence examination and the criminal history results which are valid indefinitely so long as final results were received from both DPS and the FBI and the BON has a State Identification Number (SID) on file.

- **ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES:**

You will need to submit a separate APRN application in order to have authority to practice as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. Check our website for more information at <http://www.bon.texas.gov>.

- **PROCESSING TIME:**

The Nursing Board Operates within a ten (10) business day timeframe for receiving and documenting items received, as well as reviewing applications for a temporary and/or permanent license. Weekends and state holidays do not qualify as business days.

The length of the application process varies on an individual basis and is determined by:

- Receipt of the completed application and appropriate fee
- Completion of the CBC process
- Receipt of needed documentation and completion of any necessary eligibility reviews
- Receipt of ALL VOLs (license verifications)
- Completion of the NJE

- **NURSE COMPACT DECLARATION**

The Texas Board of Nursing entered into a Nurse Licensure Compact which allows nurses in Texas the privilege of practicing nursing in participating Compact states. As part of the process of initiating multi-state licensure, all applicants for licensure in Texas must declare their primary state of residence and all states where they are practicing or intend to practice. Declaring a compact state other than Texas, and/or providing an address in a compact state will cause your Endorsement application to be questioned since you can practice in Texas on a declared compact state license. Providing a non-residential address (i.e. the address of a staffing agency) will cause a delay in processing. In addition, the BON reserves the right to seek clarification when needed.

Per Rule 220.2(b), primary state of residence is determined by the following documents and you may be requested to submit one or more to satisfy residency requirements:

- (1) a driver's license with a home address;
- (2) voter registration card displaying a home address;
- (3) federal income tax return declaring the primary state of residence;
- (4) Military Form No. 2058 - state of legal residence certificate; or
- (5) W2 from US Government or any bureau, division or agency thereof indicating the declared state of residence.

FAQs - Multistate Recognition - Nurse Licensure Compact

1. How and Why Did The Nurse Licensure Compact Begin?

The United States Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in response to the rapidly increasing practice of healthcare by electronic means. The Telecommunications Act called for development of standards and an infrastructure for telecommunications in healthcare. The nursing regulatory model in place at that time required a nurse to obtain licensure in each state where the nurse wished to practice. In addition to the obvious bureaucratic constraints of this model, the Texas Board also had no authority to take action against a nurse's license if a patient in Texas was harmed by a nurse practicing remotely in another state.

In response to the mandate of the Telecommunications Act, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) embarked on a 3-year journey to develop a model of Multistate nursing licensure recognition that would "remove regulatory barriers to increase access to safe nursing care." The RN and LPN/VN Nurse Licensure Compact began January 1, 2000, when it was passed into law by the first participating states: Maryland, Texas, Utah and Wisconsin.

2. How Does This Multistate Licensure Model Work?

It is very similar to the driver's license model. A person holding a driver's license in his/her home state is permitted to drive in other states without applying for a driver's license in every state he/she drives through. Though requirements for a driver's license are similar across states, each state may determine and vary its own licensure requirements. The Nurse Licensure Compact is similar in that it allows a nurse licensed in one "home" compact state to practice in a party compact state without seeking an additional nursing license. Another similarity to the driver's license model is that the Nurse Licensure Compact is implemented through laws passed by the legislature of each participating state. The essence of any state Compact law must permit the nursing board of that state to recognize individuals licensed as nurses from other participating compact states.

In order to enjoy the multistate licensure privilege, the Compact requires that the nurse be licensed in the state in which he/she permanently resides. This license is known as a home state license. The nurse must meet the licensure criteria of his/her home state in order to obtain and retain multistate licensure recognition (MSR) privileges on his/her home state nursing license.

Other states belonging to the Nurse Licensure Compact are known as "Party" states because their state governments have also agreed to recognize nurses licensed in other compact-member states. This recognition allows a nurse to practice in a party state on his/her home state license. A nurse practicing in another party state pursuant to the multistate privilege must comply with the state practice laws of the state in which the patient is located at the time care is given.

3. What Happens If A Nurse Moves To Another State?

A nurse can hold a home state license in only one state at a time. If a nurse changes permanent residence from one party state to another party state, then the nurse must relinquish licensure in the previous state of residence and apply for licensure in the new home state. Rule 220.2(f) permits a nurse to practice on a home state license other than Texas for a maximum of 90 days when the nurse is changing permanent residence. Under the Compact, the nurse may move back to his/her previous party state and re-establish licensure or move to another party state and apply for licensure there.

If a nurse moves to a state that has not enacted or does not recognize the Compact, the previous home state license converts to a Single-State license valid only in the former home state. A single-state nursing license does not entitle the nurse to practice under multistate privilege in other party states.

4. What About Disciplinary Action Against A Nurse's License?

The Compact is enforceable as law and cannot be changed without the consent of all party states. In Texas, Chapter 304 of the Nursing Practice Act and Board Rule 220 establish the requirements regarding the Nurse Licensure Compact.

A nurse practicing in a party state will be subject to the nursing practice laws and regulations of that remote party state. The nurse must know and conform to the laws, rules and regulations affecting his/her practice in the remote party state. If a nurse violates the Nursing Practice Act (NPA) or rules of the party state, the nursing board of the party state may revoke or restrict the nurse's privilege to practice in that state, but cannot directly sanction the nurse's home state license.

Violations of nursing practice occurring in a remote party state will be reported to the nurse's home state nursing board. The home state nursing board will then investigate and take appropriate disciplinary action for a violation that occurred in a party state. Administrative procedures according to individual state law, including due process rights of a nurse, will apply to disciplinary proceedings related to violations occurring under a compact license privilege.

The shared goal of all US nursing boards is to protect public health and safety through the regulation and monitoring of nursing education and practice. A coordinated licensure information system called NURSUS promotes ongoing attainment of this goal through access to information on the licensing and disciplinary history of each nurse. A party state must submit information on any current significant investigation, action against a nurse's compact privilege, or any denials of applications for licensure.

5. What is the impact of the Nurse Licensure Compact?

Mutual recognition of a nurse's license in states belonging to the Compact increases nurse mobility and facilitates delivery of health care by innovative communication practices such as telenursing. Additionally, the Compact promotes the public health and safety by encouraging cooperative efforts among the party states in nurse licensing and regulation. As more state legislatures enact the Nurse Licensure Compact, the number of party states will increase and the nation will move closer to allowing one home state license to grant a nursing privilege nationwide.

For questions regarding the Compact or its impact on your nursing license, contact BON staff at (512) 305- 6809 or e-mail via webmaster@bon.texas.gov. General questions about the Compact language or the concept of mutual recognition of licensure can be obtained from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing website at <https://www.ncsbn.org/156.htm>.

This application and all other documentation are valid for **one (1) year** starting from the date the paperwork was received in our office. Therefore, the process must be completed within this time frame, or you will have to complete a new application, submit a new fee, along with other requirements as needed.

Endorsement Checklist

Did you?

- Remember to mark your calendar with a reminder to take the NJE?
- Contact MorphoTrust and schedule a fingerprinting appointment or make arrangements to mail the fingerprint cards to MorphoTrust?
- Submit a verification of license request through NURSUS or mail the Verification of Licensure form accordingly?

Applicants are encouraged to check the status of their applications online at www.bon.texas.gov/olv/applstatus.html to view items that have been received and/or are still pending.

View our website's Endorsement Applications FAQ section for additional assistance.