

NOTICE TO ALL NURSES REGARDING ACT 30

Act 30 (Effective April 16, 2006) requires the following:

A. License Renewal & Restoration

- 1) All nurses whose licenses are not renewed by June 30, every odd numbered year shall cause their licenses to be forfeited. These nurses have two years to restore their licenses. (Note: Practicing without a license during this period shall be considered unlicensed activity punishable to the full extent of the law)
- 2) After two years of the date of forfeiture, the nurses who fail to restore their forfeited licenses to active status shall be required to apply as new applicants for licensure.. These nurses shall be required to submit a new application, fees, education and other pertinent documents, which include successful completion of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing exam. Nurses who have not practiced nursing in the United States or U.S. territories for five or more years may be required to:
 - a) Retake and pass the NCLEX or
 - b) Complete appropriate continuing education approved by the Hawaii Board of Nursing
- 3) It is the responsibility of each nurse to keep abreast with amendments to laws related to nursing. Licensing requirements at the time of application shall apply.

B. License Inactivation and Reactivation of License

- 1) All nurses with inactive licenses who have not practiced nursing in the United States or U.S. territories for five or more years may be required to:
 - a) Retake and pass the NCLEX or
 - b) Complete appropriate continuing education approved by the Hawaii Board of Nursing
- 3) It is the responsibility of each nurse to keep abreast with amendments to laws related to nursing. Licensing requirements at the time of application shall apply.

The requirements in Act 30 have been incorporated into Chapter 457, Hawaii Revised Statutes (§457-9, HRS) and can be accessed at:

http://www.hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/pvl/boards/nursing/statute_rules/ or

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