

**The National Association for Practical Nurse Education and Service, Inc.
Certification Board**

Notice of Policy Change

Applicable Certifications: ALL

Certification / Re-certification Policy: **Term**

Effective January 1, 2007, NAPNES' Certification Board has changed the certification period from five (5) years to three (3) years. This change only effects candidates certified after January 1, 2007. Certifications and re-certifications issued before January 1, 2007 shall expire on the date shown on the certification card.

Rationale. Given the rapid change in knowledge, medications, and technology, the Certification Board feels that three years is a term that better measures a clinicians proof of continued competency. Additionally, this change aligns NAPNES' post-licensure certifications with the majority of other professional certifications.

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