

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

Certification / Re-certification Policy: Encumbered Licenses

NAPNES' Certification Board shall verify the unencumbered licensure status of applicants for certification and/or re-certification of any credential offered by the organization. Applicants practicing on an encumbered license shall have their application reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The Certification Board will review the information provided below and subsequently rule on eligibility for certification / re-certification. Certification or recertification of a nurse with an encumbered license is the sole discretion of the Certification Board. The decision of the Certification Board is final and applicants will have no recourse. The review fee (outlined below) shall not be refunded under any circumstances.

Applicants with encumbered licenses agree to:

1. Pay a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) case review fee in addition the certification / re-certification fee.
2. Pay for the cost of related state licensure reports available from the state where the licenses is encumbered
3. Provide a written statement to NAPNES' Certification Board on the activity or activities that led to the encumbrance and corrective actions taken by the applicant.

Automatic certification / re-certification prohibitions include but are not limited to:

1. Pharmacology
 - a. Drug Diversion
 - b. Sentinel medication errors
 - c. Falsification of documentation
 - d. Incompetence
 - e. Neglect
 - f. Falsified application for certification / re-certification
2. Long-Term Care
 - a. Abuse
 - b. Sentinel errors
 - c. Falsification of documentation
 - d. Neglect
 - e. Drug Diversion
 - f. Falsified application for certification / re-certification

This policy is intended to assure the highest quality of practice for LP/VNs certified by this organization.