



## Instructions for Reinstatement or Return to Active Status of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Licensure

Application fee = \$80.00

*Per 59 O.S. § 4100.8, there is NO fee required to submit this application if:*

- *you are active duty military personnel or the spouse of an active duty military personnel who has received orders or notice for military transfer or honorable discharge to this state; and*
- *you have a valid license in another state at the same level of licensure in good standing with requirements reasonably equivalent to this state.*

*Please see the "Military Personnel" section for more information.*

Use this application if:

- You have been previously licensed as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in the same role with the same specialty certification in Oklahoma; and
- Your Advanced Practice Registered Nurse license is currently lapsed, inactive, suspended, voluntarily surrendered, or revoked.

**PLEASE REVIEW THESE INSTRUCTIONS  
BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION.**

**Pursuant to O.A.C. 485:10-1-3 (b) (2): REFUNDS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED  
FOR SUBMISSION OF AN INCORRECT APPLICATION**

Persons employed in nursing without a valid Oklahoma license are hereby notified to cease practice immediately until a valid license has been obtained. **Employment in nursing without a valid license is considered in violation of the provisions of the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act.**

Persons employed as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse without current licensure from the Oklahoma Board of Nursing and current national certification are notified to cease practice as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse immediately until current licensure has been obtained. **Employment as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse without current licensure is considered in violation of the provisions of the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act.** The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse must hold a separate license in each specialty area for which he/she has obtained the required education and certification. Current certification by a national certifying body is required to maintain licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing.

Only those persons who hold a license to practice advanced practice registered nursing in this state shall have the right to use the title "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse" and to use the abbreviation "APRN". Only those persons who have obtained a license in the following disciplines shall have the right to fulfill the roles and use the applicable titles: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist and the abbreviation "CRNA", Certified Nurse-Midwife and the abbreviation "CNM", Clinical Nurse Specialist and the abbreviation "CNS", and Certified Nurse Practitioner and the abbreviation "CNP". It shall be unlawful for any person to assume the role or use the title Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or use the abbreviation "APRN" or use the respective specialty role

titles and abbreviations or to use any other titles or abbreviations that would reasonably lead a person to believe the user is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, unless permitted by this act. Any individual doing so shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, which shall be punishable, upon conviction, by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one (1) year or by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such imprisonment and fine for each offense [59 O.S. 567.3a(5)].

Forms referenced can be found in the Forms/Applications area on the Board's website located at this link: [www.oklahoma.gov/nursing/applications.html](http://www.oklahoma.gov/nursing/applications.html)

## **Requirements for Reinstating or Returning Your Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License To Active Status**

**The application for reinstatement/return to active status must be approved within two (2) years of the expiration date of licensure; otherwise, current requirements for initial advanced practice licensure must be met which include:**

- Completion of an advanced practice registered nursing education program in one of the four advanced practice registered nurse roles and a specialty area recognized by the Board. Effective January 1, 2016, the APRN program should be in at least one of the following population foci: family/individual across the lifespan, adult-gerontology, neonatal, pediatrics, women's health/gender-related, or psychiatric/mental health
- **Continuing qualifications for practice:** If the Oklahoma APRN license has not been in an active licensure status for a period of two (2) years or more, the applicant for reinstatement of the APRN license must demonstrate continued qualifications for practice through completion of one or more of the following requirements within the last two (2) years prior to receipt of a completed application in the Board office:
  - (A) Cause Submission of an official transcript or certificate of completion verifying completion of an APRN nursing refresher course meeting the requirements established by the Board in policy;
  - (B) Cause Submission of an official transcript verifying successful completion of at least six (6) academic semester credit hours of APRN nursing courses in the same role and population focus as was previously held by the APRN in a graduate-level APRN program, which includes classroom and clinical instruction;
  - (C) Upload evidence of licensure or recognition as an APRN in another state with employment in a position that requires APRN licensure or recognition with verification of at least 520 work hours during the past two (2) years preceding receipt of the application for reinstatement in the Board office;
  - (D) Upload evidence of current national certification consistent with educational preparation and by a national certifying body recognized by the Board.

**Verification of current, national certification in an advanced practice specialty:** Current national certification in the specialty area at an advanced practice level which is recognized by the Board is required to receive an advanced practice license.

- In order to change or add an area of specialty and national certification, you must meet initial requirements for advanced practice licensure, which requires submission instead of an application for licensure as an APRN.

**Verification of current Registered Nurse licensure:** You must possess a current Oklahoma license to practice as a Registered Nurse OR a current multistate Registered Nurse license in a Compact state with multistate privileges in Oklahoma.

**Renewal requirements:** Advanced practice licensure must be renewed concurrently with the Oklahoma Registered Nurse renewal in even-numbered years. If the Registered Nurse license is a multistate license issued by another Compact state, the Oklahoma APRN license must be renewed on even years by the end of the licensee's birth month.

- If you are applying for advanced practice licensure within 90 days prior to the expiration date of your Oklahoma RN license, you must renew your license prior to the date the advanced practice licensure is granted.
- Please see the *Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act and Rules* for renewal requirements.

**Review of criminal history:** State law (59 O.S. § 567.7.B. and 59 O.S. § 567.18.B.) requires each applicant for licensure or certification to have a fingerprint-based background check which must not be completed prior to submission of the application for reinstatement of licensure. Once your application has been submitted, you will be provided with detailed instructions regarding obtaining the background check. The background check consists of fingerprint-based searches of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Criminal History Record Information databases and name index searches of computerized databases containing criminal history records. Please read the Privacy Act Statement and Applicant Notification found in the Appendix to this set of instructions. The Oklahoma Board of Nursing is not authorized to receive criminal history record information prior to receiving an application; therefore, you will receive information on obtaining a fingerprint-based background check in the Message Center of your Nurse Portal account after your application has been successfully submitted.

In addition to the background check, applicants for licensure are required to notify the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, in writing, specific information related to criminal charges and/or convictions, investigations, disciplinary actions, and/or judicial declaration of mental competence. A "report in writing" means that the applicant/licensee provide a description stating in his/her own words the date, location, and circumstances of the incident, and if applicable, the resulting action taken by the court, agency, or disciplinary board. The report should be in the form of a statement provided with submission of the application. Certified court records or a board order, as applicable, must be uploaded during the application process. A verbal report does not constitute a "report in writing". A written report not accompanied by a full set of certified court records or the board order(s) does not constitute a "report in writing". Failure to report such action is a violation of the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act.

Criminal offenses of applicants may be used as a basis for denial of licensure or certification. Detailed information regarding which offenses the Board shall consider may be found in the Oklahoma Board of Nursing Rules (O.A.C. 485:10-11-4) which are available on the Board's website at this link: <https://oklahoma.gov/nursing/criminal-history.html>. You have the right to request a determination of eligibility for licensure or certification prior to applying for licensure. To do so, submit the Petition for Determination of Eligibility for Licensure or Certification form.

**Citizenship:** All applicants for licensure who are a U.S. citizen, U.S. national or Legal Permanent Resident Alien must upload an *Affidavit of Citizenship Status* unless such information is already on file with this Board. According to State law, **if you are a qualified alien, you must bring in person** the *Evidence of Status Form* to the Board office along with the original documents that support your qualified alien status, as shown on the *Evidence of Status Part B Form*. At the Board office, a staff member will copy your qualified alien status documentation and will notarize the *Evidence of Status Form*.

**Military Personnel:**

Per 59 O.S. § 4100.8, if you are an active duty military personnel or the spouse of an active duty military personnel who has received orders or notice for military transfer or honorable discharge to this state, please upload a copy of the United States Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card and a copy of the military member's Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders. No application fee is required. Following confirmation that you hold a valid license in another state that is in good standing and reasonably equivalent to the requirements of this state, a temporary license will be granted within 30 days.

## Instructions for Completing the Application

1. **Completion of application:** *The application should be completed and submitted online* on the Board's website via your Nurse Portal account found on the Board's home page.
  - You must complete all sections of the application **using your name as it appears on your license**.
  - **You must provide a Social Security number on the application.** This information is mandatory, pursuant to 56 O.S. § 240.21A.

If you have been licensed with this Board under a different name, you must complete a *Name Change Request* found in the Other Applications link on your Nurse Portal page, upload a certified copy of the legal document changing your name and submit the required fee in order to be licensed under your new name.

2. **Submission of fee:** Payment must be made in the form of VISA, MasterCard or electronic fund transfer when completing the application online.
  - If you meet either military personnel options listed in the **Military Personnel** section above, a fee is not required

3. **Verification of current national certification:** Upload evidence of current certification through your certifying body (such as a copy of the certification card).
  - If you wish to change to a different certifying body **within the same specialty area**, please attach a letter of notification with the effective date of the change.
4. **Review of licensure status:** Before your advanced practice licensure can be reinstated or returned to active status, you must have a current Oklahoma RN license OR a current multistate RN license from a Compact state with multistate privileges in Oklahoma. In addition, you must have previously held advanced practice licensure in Oklahoma. If your Oklahoma single state RN license is not in an active status, you must complete an *Application for Return to Active/Reinstatement* for your RN license; OR, if you have never been licensed as a RN in Oklahoma and do not hold an active multistate RN license in a Compact state, please complete the application for *Endorsement*.
5. **Reinstatement of Prescriptive Authority:** If you hold prescriptive authority authorization and wish to have it reinstated, you must submit a separate *Reinstatement/Return to Active of Prescriptive Authority Application* with the fee for prescriptive authority authorization. Please note that you will not be able to submit this reinstatement application until after your APRN license has been reinstated.
6. **Background Check:** Each applicant must provide fingerprint images to be used for the purpose of permitting a state and national criminal history records search through the OSBI and FBI. The Oklahoma Board of Nursing is not authorized to receive criminal history record information prior to receiving an application; therefore, you will receive information on obtaining a fingerprint-based background check in the Message Center of your Nurse Portal account after your application has been successfully submitted. The results of the search are provided directly to the Board office by the OSBI usually within one to two weeks. Please read the *Privacy Act Statement and Applicant Notification* found in the Appendix to this set of instructions. Procedures for changing, correcting or updating OSBI and/or FBI results are set forth in Title 28, C.F.R., §16.34 and will be furnished as needed.
7. **Criminal Charges, Disciplinary Action, or Judicial Declaration of Mental Incompetence:** If you answer “yes” to the criminal charge, discipline, or competency questions on the application, you must **write a statement in the available space on the application form, describing the date, location and circumstances of the incident, and the resulting action taken by the court or disciplinary board**. If you have more than one incident you are reporting, you must speak to every case/charge that has been filed. In addition, you will be required to upload certified copies of identified documents.

(A) Have you ever had disciplinary action taken against a nursing license, recognition, certificate, or privilege to practice; any professional or occupational license, recognition, or certificate; and/or any application for a nursing or professional or occupational license, recognition, or certificate in any state, territory or country not previously reported **in writing** to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing?"

- a. If you answered "yes", you must type in the space available a statement describing the date, location, and circumstances of the incident(s), and, if applicable, the resulting action(s) taken by the disciplinary board.
- b. If you are reporting more than one incident, you must describe every case that has been filed.
- c. You will need to upload certified copies of the charges/complaints, findings of fact, and orders from the licensing agency.

(B) Is there currently any investigation of your nursing license, recognition, certificate, or privilege to practice; and/or any professional or occupational license, recognition, or certificate; and/or any application for a nursing and/or professional or occupational license, recognition, or certificate in any state, territory or country not previously reported **in writing** to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing?

- a. If you answered "yes", you must type in the space available a statement describing the date, location, and circumstances of the incident(s), and, if applicable, the resulting action(s) taken by the disciplinary board.
- b. If you are reporting more than one incident, you must describe every case that has been filed.

(C) Have you been charged and/or convicted in any criminal offense not previously reported in writing to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, including those pending appeal? (You may exclude minor traffic violations, but must report all DUI/DWI charges and/or DUI/DWI convictions)

Check all that apply:

- ☐ been convicted of a misdemeanor?
- ☐ been convicted of a felony?
- ☐ pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
- ☐ received deferred adjudication, to include but not limited to deferred prosecution agreement?
- ☐ been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilt?
- ☐ been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? Court-ordered confinement?
- ☐ been granted pre-trial diversion, to include but not limited to Drug Court?
- ☐ have any pending criminal charges?
- ☐ have any pending violation of the law?
- ☐ been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?
- ☐ No, none of the above applies.

NOTE: Expunged and Sealed Offenses: While expunged or sealed offense, arrests, tickets, or citations need not be disclosed, it is your responsibility to ensure the offense, arrest, ticket or citation has, in fact, been expunged or sealed. It is recommended that you submit a copy of the Court Order expunging or sealing the record in question to our office with your application. Non-disclosure of relevant offenses raises questions related to truthfulness and character.

(D) If you checked any of the above (except “No, none of the above applies”):

- a. If you answered “yes”, you must type in the space available a statement describing the date, location, and circumstances of the incident(s), and, if applicable, the resulting action(s) taken by the court.
- b. If you are reporting more than one incident, you must describe every case that has been filed.
- c. You will need to upload certified copies of Court Records to include the Information Sheet, Incident Report, Complaint, and/or Charges; Affidavit of Probable Cause; Judgment and Sentence; and verification of completion of the Judgment and Sentence. The Court Records must be obtained from the Court(s) in which the offense(s) occurred.

(E) Have you ever been judicially declared incompetent in any state, territory or country not previously reported **in writing** to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing?

- a. If you answered “yes”, you must type in the space available a statement describing the date, location, and circumstances of the incident(s), and, if applicable, the resulting action(s) taken by the court or agency. If you are reporting more than one incident, you must describe every case that has been filed.
- b. You will need to upload a certified copy of the Court Order.

8. **Verification of citizenship status:** State law requires the Board of Nursing to issue a license only to U.S. citizens, nationals and legal permanent resident aliens; and to qualified alien applicants who present, **in person**, valid documentary evidence of:

1. A valid, unexpired immigrant or nonimmigrant visa status for admission into the U.S.;
2. A pending or approved application for asylum in the U.S.;
3. Admission into the U.S. in refugee status;
4. A pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the U.S.;
5. Approved deferred action status; or
6. A pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent residence status or conditional resident status.

Applicants in the above six categories will only be eligible to receive a license that is valid for the time period of their authorized stay in the U.S., or if there is no date of end to the time period of their authorized stay, for one year. The license is required to indicate that it is temporary. The information will be verified through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program, operated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

## General Information

You are required to notify the Board in writing of any address changes occurring during the application process. This notification must be submitted via your Nurse Portal account.

All applications are reviewed in the order they are received. Every effort is made to process applications expeditiously. You may view average processing times of a completed application on our website at: <http://www.oklahoma.gov/nursing/agency-data-and-reports.html>. To check on the status of your application, visit the Nurse Portal. Your application to the Board for licensure is valid for one year after receipt. After that time, a new application and fee must be submitted.

### **Fees submitted are not pro-rated and are not refundable.**

In accordance with Oklahoma law (59 O.S. §567.7 (F)), the Executive Director shall suspend the license or certificate of a person who submits a check, money draft, or similar instrument for payment of a fee which is not honored by the financial institution named. The suspension becomes effective ten (10) days following delivery by certified mail of written notice of the dishonor and the impending suspension to the person's address on file. Upon notification of suspension, the person may reinstate the authorization to practice upon payment of the fees and any and all costs associated with notice and collection. The suspension shall be exempt from the Administrative Procedures Act.

Pursuant to Oklahoma law, you must have an active single state Oklahoma RN license or an active multistate RN license to practice as an APRN in Oklahoma. If you do not have an active RN license and an active APRN license, you must notify this Board immediately and pursuant to Oklahoma law, you cannot lawfully practice as an APRN until you hold an active RN and APRN license.



## **Common Mistakes That Delay Processing**

**Common mistakes that delay the processing of applications include failure to:**

- **Answer all application questions completely**
- **Provide a Social Security number**
- **Provide the full name under which you were licensed (with the notation “NMN” if there is no middle name)**
- **Provide your Oklahoma license number**
- **Upload verification of current national certification in the area of your advanced practice specialty**
- **Upload required documentation for initial licensure and for continuing qualifications for practice if the reinstatement is received at the Board office more than two years from the expiration/inactive date**
- **Write in the space available for each question a complete description and upload documentation regarding a history of criminal charges, disciplinary action, or judicial declaration of incompetence**

## Appendix

### Privacy Act Statement and Applicant Notification

**Authority:** The FBI's acquisition, preservation, and exchange of fingerprints and associated information is generally authorized under 28 U.S.C. 534. Depending on the nature of your application, supplemental authorities include Federal statutes, State statutes pursuant to Public Law 92-544, Presidential Executive Orders, and federal regulations. Providing your fingerprints and associated information is voluntary; however, failure to do so may affect completion or approval of your application.

**Principal Purpose:** Certain determinations, such as employment, licensing, and security clearances, may be predicated on fingerprint-based background checks. Your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics may be provided to the employing, investigating, or otherwise responsible agency, and/or the FBI for the purpose of comparing your fingerprints to other fingerprints in the FBI's Next Generation Identification (NGI) system or its successor systems (including civil, criminal, and latent fingerprint repositories) or other available records of the employing, investigating, or other responsible agency. The FBI may retain your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics in NGI after the completion of this application and, while retained, your fingerprints may continue to be compared against other fingerprints submitted to or retained by NGI.

**Routine Uses:** During the processing of this application and for as long thereafter as your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics are retained in NGI, your information may be disclosed pursuant to your consent, and may be disclosed without your consent as permitted by the Privacy Act of 1974 and all applicable Routine Uses as may be published at any time in the Federal Register, including the Routine Uses for the NGI system and the FBI's Blanket Routine Uses. Routine uses include, but are not limited to, disclosures to: employing, governmental or authorized non-governmental agencies responsible for employment, contracting, licensing, security clearances, and other suitability determinations; local, state, tribal, or federal law enforcement agencies; criminal justice agencies; and agencies responsible for national security or public safety.

**Applicant Record Challenge:** Before a final decision is made, you have the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information contained in the FBI identification record. The procedure for obtaining a change, correction, or updating an FBI identification record is set forth in Title 28, CFR 16.34. For information on updating the national criminal history record, visit [www.FBI.gov](http://www.FBI.gov).

If certified documents are obtained for the purpose of updating your criminal history record, the documents should be forwarded to the FBI and to the repository in the state where the arrest occurred.