

**Report From Agency**

**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BOARD OF NURSING**

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**IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING :  
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE  
BOARD OF NURSING : CR 19-140**

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**I. THE PROPOSED RULE:**

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

**II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:**

N/A

**III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:**

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

**IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:**

In 2014, the Board completed a comprehensive update of the licensure provisions in ch. N 2. Since that time, the Board has received stakeholder feedback that has led the Board to determine that some of the licensure provisions in ch. N 2 require revision. In addition, current rules do not reflect 2017 Wisconsin Act 329, which eliminated the requirement that an applicant for renewal of a temporary permit under s. 441.08, Stats., complete the nursing workforce survey administered by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. To address these issues, the proposed rules make the following changes:

- Section N 2.12 (2) (intro.) is revised to clarify that acceptable documentation of nursing education is the same for education completed at a nursing school located in a U.S. territory and education completed at a nursing school located in the United States.
- Section N 2.12 (2) (a) is revised to allow a professional nursing applicant to document education by submitting a credential evaluation service academic report and demonstration of passing a Board-accepted language proficiency exam.
- The requirements for single-state licensure by endorsement in ss. N 2.20 (endorsement of an applicant from a nurse licensure compact state) and N 2.21 (endorsement of an applicant from another U.S. state, U.S. territory, or Canada) are consolidated.
- Section N 2.21 (2) (e), which requires an applicant to provide the Board with all information related to termination from any employment related to nursing, is revised to apply to termination from employment that occurred within the 10 years immediately preceding the date of application.

- Section N 2.35 (1), relating to renewal of a temporary permit for a registered nurse or practical nurse, is revised to reflect the provisions of 2017 Wisconsin Act 329 by eliminating the requirement to complete the nursing workforce survey.

**V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The Board of Nursing held a public hearing on December 12, 2019. No one testified or provided written comments.

**VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Legislative Council had no recommendations concerning the proposed rule.

**VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:**

N/A