

TENNESSEE BOARD OF NURSING POLICY REGARDING THE MULTI-STATE
PRIVILEGE FOR NURSES WHO ARE “PROVISIONALLY LICENSED” IN
KENTUCKY

RE: LICENSURE Multi-State Privilege of Nurses with Kentucky Provisional License

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Tennessee and establish requirements for practice in Tennessee by nurses who are provisionally licensed in Kentucky.

AUTHORITY: Tennessee Code Annotated 63-7 PART 3 INTERSTATE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT, ARTICLE III General Provisions and Jurisdiction

(a) A license to practice registered nursing issued by a home state to a resident in that state will be recognized by each party state as authorizing a multistate licensure privilege to practice as a registered nurse in such party state. A license to practice licensed practical/vocational nursing issued by a home state to a resident in that state will be recognized by each party state as authorizing a multistate licensure privilege to practice as a licensed practical/vocational nurse in such party state. In order to obtain or retain a license, an applicant must meet the home state's qualifications for licensure and license renewal as well as all other applicable state laws.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Tennessee Board of Nursing to recognize the multi-state privilege of any RN or LPN who holds a provisional license from the Kentucky Board of Nursing, so long as such Kentucky provisional licensee meets the following criteria:

- (1) is a recent graduate of an approved nursing program; and**
 - (2) has passed the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) applicable to his or her level of practice; and**
 - (3) has passed a criminal background check within the preceding year.**
- Such Kentucky licensees may practice in Tennessee on the multi-state privilege subject to the same terms, conditions and limitations that would be placed on them were they practicing in Kentucky on the provisional license. It is the understanding of the Tennessee Board of Nursing in promulgating this policy that a “Kentucky provisional licensee” is required by the Kentucky Board to successfully complete a one hundred twenty (120) hour internship under direct nursing supervision within six (6) months of receiving her provisional license, and that such internship entails prescribed reporting requirements.**

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