Reactivation/Reinstatement of Your Nursing License

Attention RNs: If you did not renew your license by October 31, 2019, your license has lapsed and you are not authorized to practice nursing as an RN or APRN. In order to practice, you must submit a Reactivation/Reinstatement application to the Board and meet the requirements.

1. **Complete Continuing Education (CE) requirements (see below)** and upload the CE documents through the online application. All CEs must have been completed during the 24-month period immediately BEFORE the date of the Reactivation/Reinstatement application.

   a. CE documents must be in the form of a completion certificate issued by the CE provider and include the provider name, number of contact hours, and name of the OBN approver. A school transcript may also be submitted.

   b. Category A is CE on Ohio Law and Rules that is approved by an OBN Approver or offered by an OBN approved provider unit headquartered in Ohio.

   c. For detailed information/FAQs about CE, see the CE Charts below, or go to www.nursing.ohio.gov.

2. **Apply** at https://elicense.ohio.gov/OH_CommunitiesLogin using the Reactivation/Reinstatement application. If you are not registered in Ohio eLicense, click on the “Do You Need Help Registering?” link. For questions, email renewal@nursing.ohio.gov.

3. **Complete BCI (Civilian) and FBI (Federal) criminal records checks (CRCs) if your license has been inactive or lapsed for 5 years or more.** (See Rule 4723-14-03(E), OAC.) Go to www.nursing.ohio.gov for information about obtaining and submitting CRCs.

### CE CHARTS

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If you answer yes to either one of these questions, then the following 24 Contact Hours of CE are required:

- Category A – Ohio Law and Rule – 1 hour
- General Nursing Practice – 23 hours

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If you answer yes to both of these questions, then the following 24 Contact Hours of CE are required:

- Category A – Ohio Law and Rule – 2 hours (scopes of practice RNs and LPNs, standards of safe practice, and nursing delegation)
- Critical Thinking, Clinical Reasoning Nursing Process, or Nursing Judgment – 6 hours
- Pharmacology – 6 hours (drug classifications, medication errors, and patient safety)
- Clinical or Organizational Ethical Principles – 2 hours
- Content relevant to Nurse’s Practice – 8 hours

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