GRADUATES OF NURSING PROGRAMS MAY PRACTICE AS A GRADUATE NURSE UNTIL S/HE HAS RECEIVED THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST LICENSURE EXAM TAKEN BY THE NURSE OR UNTIL NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER GRADUATION, WHICHEVER FIRST OCCURS. YOU CAN ONLY WORK AS A GN AFTER YOU GRADUATE AND UNTIL 1) YOU RECEIVE RESULTS OF YOUR FIRST EXAM OR 2) 90 DAYS AFTER YOUR GRADUATION DATE; WHICHEVER OF THESE SITUATIONS OCCURS FIRST. YOU ARE A GRADUATE AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND HAVE OFFICIALLY GRADUATED FROM YOUR NURSING PROGRAM.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board office at (573) 751-0681. If you practice beyond the graduate exempted practice period, you may be denied the opportunity to test. You are responsible for knowing the date you must cease practicing as a graduate nurse. You are required to abide by the laws in the state in which you practice nursing. You can view and/or print the State of Missouri Nursing Practice Act from the board’s web site at http://pr.mo.gov/nursing.

Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact
Missouri is a member of the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC) which allows a nurse who holds an active license to practice physically and/or electronically/telephonically in other eNLC states, where a patient is located, without applying for and obtaining an additional license. Go to www.ncsbn.org/enlc for a list of compact states. A nurse may only hold one multistate license issued by his/her primary state of residence. If your primary state of residence is a compact state other than Missouri and you do not plan to move to Missouri, you should not apply for a multistate license in Missouri. You should, instead, obtain/maintain a multistate license in your primary state of residence. If you do not meet the uniform licensure requirements for a multistate license in your primary state of residence, you may complete this application to apply for a single state license. If you declare a non-compact state as your primary state of residence and you meet all other licensure requirements, you may receive a single state license valid for practice only in Missouri. The board reserves the right to request evidence of your primary state of residence, when needed. Proof of residency may include a driver’s license or valid state identification card, voter registration, or federal income tax return declaring a primary state of residence. The eNLC does not include Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). All APRNs who want to practice in Missouri must obtain a Missouri APRN document of recognition.

Application Requirements are as follows:
- Completed, signed and notarized application. There is no Board of Nursing application fee for an individual applying for the exam for the first time.
- Evidence of U.S. citizenship or lawful presence;
- Official final transcript;
- Criminal background checks; and
- Registration for NCLEX with test service. You must still register with the test service and pay the NCLEX® registration fee at https://portal.ncsbn.org/.

Criminal Background Checks (Fingerprint)
Go to www.machs.mo.gov and register using the 4 digit registration number of 0001 (three zeroes followed by a one). The name, date of birth and social security number you use to register with MACHS must match the same information on your application to the board. If it does not, you may be required to complete this process again at your expense and this will delay processing your application. After you register, follow the instructions on their website to complete the fingerprint background check.

Immediately After You Graduate
Request that your school of nursing forward an official final transcript to the Board of Nursing office.

Register for NCLEX - Required before you will receive an Authorization to Test (ATT)
NCLEX registration can only be completed online at https://portal.ncsbn.org/. It is recommended that you do this 3 months to 4 weeks prior to your graduation date.

Required Information if you answer YES To Any Screening Question(s)
- A separate notarized statement that provides a detailed narrative of the circumstances surrounding your criminal record or disciplinary action and a thorough description of the rehabilitative changes in your lifestyle since the time of the offense or disciplinary action that would enable you to avoid future occurrences. Include factors in your life that you feel may have contributed to your crime or disciplinary action, what you have learned about yourself since that time, and the changes you have made that support your rehabilitation.
- Supporting documents. This information need not accompany the application, but must be provided before a decision can be made regarding eligibility to take the licensure examination. Supporting documents include:
- Court Certified Court Documents that include three things:
  1) charges (indictment, information or complaint),
  2) disposition of charges (Judgment, Order of Probation, Sentence and/or Deferred Orders); and
  3) evidence that the conditions of the court have been met.

  To obtain this documentation, for municipal offenses contact the municipal court, for state offenses, contact the circuit clerk in the county where the sentence and judgment was issued; for federal offenses, contact the district court clerk where the sentence and judgment was issued. If the record does not exist, you must obtain a statement from that court that the document has been destroyed or cannot be located.
- Drug And/Or Alcohol Addiction And/Or Treatment Record Examples:
  - Medical records from an inpatient treatment program,
  - A discharge summary
  - A current evaluation from a counselor
  - Records of attendance at AA, NA, or other aftercare program
  - Letter from support group sponsor
• Character reference letters
• Reference letters from faculty or program director; additional documents that clarify the situation and support your request for a license.

It is your responsibility to provide this information. If any supporting documents are missing and/or your application must be reviewed by the members of the Missouri State Board of Nursing, you will be contacted in writing.

How Will I Be Notified?
Your eligibility to take the examination will be communicated to the testing service after we receive:
• Board of Nursing application
• Evidence of U.S. citizenship or lawful presence
• Official final transcript from the nursing program
• Background Checks from Missouri Highway Patrol and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

After the board has made you eligible to test, you will receive an Authorization to Test from the testing service by email. The candidate bulletin contains information on how you schedule your exam, acceptable forms of identification required to take the exam and candidate rules.

How Do I Request Exam Modifications?
If you desire exam modifications due to a disability, please read the Requests for Exam Modifications paper located on our web site at http://pr.mo.gov/nursing. Select Licensure, General and then Requests for Exam Modifications or contact our office for more information.

When Can I Expect To Receive Results?
Within two (2) weeks of testing. In situations where results are delayed due to technical issues, you will be notified in writing.

NOTICE
Effective July 1, 2003, all persons and business entities renewing a license with the Division of Professional Registration are required to have paid all state income taxes, and also are required to have filed all necessary state income tax returns for the preceding three years. If you have failed to pay your taxes or have failed to file your tax returns your license will be subject to immediate revocation within 90 days of being notified by the Missouri Department of Revenue of any delinquency or failure to file. This requirement was enacted in House Bill 600 of the 92nd General Assembly (2003), and was signed into law by the Governor on July 1, 2003.

“All persons and business entities renewing a license with the Division of Professional Registration are required to have paid all state income taxes, and also are required to have filed all necessary state income tax returns in the preceding three (3) years. If you have failed to pay your taxes or failed to file your tax returns, your license will be subject to immediate suspension within ninety (90) days of being notified by the Missouri Department of Revenue of any delinquency or failure to file pursuant to §324.010 RSMo.

You cannot be granted a license until you provide a United States social security number. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 666(1)(13), federal law requires each state to institute procedures to obtain the social security number of any applicant for a professional license or occupational license and requires that the social security number be recorded on the application.

Furthermore, section 324.024 RSMo, requires “every application for a license, certificate, registration, or permit or renewal of a license, certificate, registration, or permit issued in this state...contain the Social Security of the applicant. This provision shall not apply to an original application for a license, certificate, registration, or permit submitted by a citizen of a foreign country who has never been issued a Social Security number and who previously has not been licensed by any other state, United States territory, or federal agency. A citizen of a foreign country applying for licensure with the division of professional registration shall be required to submit his or her visa or passport identification number in lieu of the Social Security number.”
MISSOURI STATEMENT OF CITIZENSHIP & ALIEN STATUS

All applicants must answer questions on the application regarding citizenship. A copy of a document that shows evidence of your citizenship or alien status MUST BE submitted with your application for licensure. See List A or List B.

LIST A

Evidence showing U.S. citizen or U.S. national status includes the following:

*If any of the following documents do not contain a photograph of the individual, the individual shall also present a government-issued document that contains a photograph of the individual.

a. Primary Evidence:
   1. A birth certificate showing birth in one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico (on or after January 13, 1941), Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands (on or after January 17, 1917), American Samoa, or the Northern Mariana Islands (on or after November 4, 1986, Northern Mariana Islands local time) (unless the applicant was born to foreign diplomats residing in such a jurisdiction); *
   2. A birth certificate or delayed birth certificate issued in any state, territory or possession of the U.S.; *
   3. A signed United States passport; current or expired;
   4. Report of birth abroad of a U.S. citizen (FS-240) (issued by the Department of State to U.S. citizens); A U.S. certificate of birth abroad *
   5. Certificate of Birth (FS-545) (issued by a foreign service post) or Certification of Report of Birth (DS-1350), copies of which are available from the Department of State; *
   6. Form N-550 or N-570, Certificate of Naturalization (issued by the Service through a Federal or State court, or through administrative naturalization after December 1990 to individuals who are individually naturalized; the N-570 is a replacement certificate issued when the N-550 has been lost or mutilated or the individual's name has changed);
   7. Form N-561, Certificate of Citizenship;
   8. Form I-197, United States Citizen Identification Card (issued by the Service until April 7, 1983 to U.S. citizens living near the Canadian or Mexican border who needed it for frequent border crossings) (formerly Form I-179, last issued in February 1974);
   9. Form I-873 (or prior versions), Northern Marianas Card (issued by the Service to a collectively naturalized U.S. citizen who was born in the Northern Marianas Islands before November 3, 1986);
   10. Statement provided by a U.S. consular official certifying that the individual is a U.S. citizen (given to an individual born outside the United States who derives citizenship through a parent but does not have a FS-240, FS-545, or DS-1350); or *
   11. Form I-872 (or prior versions), American Indian Card with a classification code “KIC” and a statement on the back identifying the bearer as a U.S. citizen (issued by the Service to U.S. citizen members of the Texas Band of Kickapoo living near the U.S./Mexican border).
   12. A tribal certificate of Indian blood.*
   13. A tribal or bureau of Indian affairs affidavit of birth *

NOTE: SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION.

b. Secondary Evidence
   If the applicant cannot present one of the documents listed in (a) above, the following may be relied upon to establish U.S. citizenship or U.S. national status;
   1. Religious record recorded in one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico (on or after January 13, 1941), Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands (on or after January 17, 1917), American Samoa, or the Northern Mariana Islands (on or after November 4, 1986, Northern Mariana Islands local time) (unless the applicant was born to foreign diplomats residing in such a jurisdiction) within three months after birth showing that the birth occurred in such jurisdiction and the date of birth or the individual’s age at the time the record was made;
   2. Evidence of civil service employment by the U.S. government before June 1, 1976;
   3. Early school records (preferably from the first school) showing the date of admission to the school, the applicant’s date and U.S. place of birth, and the name(s) and place(s) of birth of the applicant’s parent(s);
   4. Census record showing name, U.S. nationality or a U.S. place of birth, and applicant’s date of birth or age;
   5. Adoption finalization papers showing the applicant’s name and place of birth in one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico (on or after January 13, 1941), Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands (on or after January 17, 1917), American Samoa, or the Northern Mariana Islands (on or after November 4, 1986, Northern Mariana Islands local time) (unless the applicant was born to foreign diplomats residing in such a jurisdiction), or, when the adoption is not finalized and the state or other U.S. jurisdiction listed above will not release a birth certificate prior to final adoption, a statement from a state or jurisdiction approved adoption agency showing the applicant’s name and place of birth in one of such jurisdictions, and stating that the source of the information is an original birth certificate;
   6. Any other document that establishes a U.S. place of birth or otherwise indicates U.S. nationality (e.g., a contemporaneous hospital record of birth in that hospital in one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico (on or after January 13, 1941), Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands (on or after January 17, 1917), American Samoa, or the Northern Mariana Islands (on or after November 4, 1986, Northern Mariana Islands local time) (unless the applicant was born to foreign diplomats residing in such a jurisdiction);
c. **Collective Naturalization**

If the applicant cannot present one of the documents listed in (a) or (b) above, the following will establish U.S. citizenship for collectively naturalized individuals:

**Puerto Rico:**
- Evidence of birth in Puerto Rico on or after April 11, 1899 and the applicant’s statement that he or she was residing in the U.S., a U.S. possession or Puerto Rico on January 13, 1941; or
- Evidence that the applicant was a Puerto Rican citizen and the applicant’s statement that he or she was residing in Puerto Rico on March 1, 1917 and that he or she did not take an oath of allegiance to Spain.

**U.S. Virgin Islands:**
- Evidence of birth in the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the applicant’s statement of residence in the U.S., a U.S. possession or the U.S. Virgin Islands on February 25, 1927;
- The applicant’s statement indicating resident in the U.S. Virgin Islands as a Danish citizen on January 17, 1917 and residence in the U.S., a U.S. possession or the U.S. Virgin Islands on February 25, 1927, and that he or she did not make a declaration to maintain Danish citizenship; or
- Evidence of birth in the U.S. Virgin Islands and the applicant’s statement indicating residence in the U.S., a U.S. possession or territory or the Canal Zone on June 28, 1932.

**Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) (formerly part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI)):**
- Evidence of birth in the NMI, TTPI citizenship and residence in the NMI, the U.S., or a U.S. territory or possession on November 3, 1986 (NMI local time) and the applicant’s statement that he or she did not owe allegiance to a foreign state on November 4, 1986 (NMI local time);
- Evidence of TTPI citizenship, continuous residence in the NMI since before November 3, 1981 (NMI local time), voter registration prior to January 1, 1975 and the applicant’s statement that he or she did not owe allegiance to a foreign state on November 4, 1986 (NMI local time); or
- Evidence of continuous domicile in the NMI since before January 1, 1974 and the applicant’s statement that he or she did not owe allegiance to a foreign state on November 4 1986 (NMI local time). Note: If a person entered the NMI as a nonimmigrant and lived in the NMI since January 1, 1974, this does not constitute continuous domicile and the individual is not a U.S. citizen.

d. **Derivative Citizenship**

If the applicant cannot present one of the documents listed in a or b above, the following may be used to make determination of derivative U.S. citizenship:

**Applicant born abroad to two U.S. citizen parents:** Evidence of the U.S. citizenship of the parents and the relationship of the applicant to the parents, and evidence that at least one parent resided in the U.S. or an outlying possession prior to the applicant’s birth.

**Applicant born abroad to a U.S. citizen parent and a U.S. non-citizen national parent:** Evidence that one parent is a U.S. citizen and that the other is a U.S. non-citizen national, evidence of the relationship of the applicant to the U.S. citizen parent, and evidence that the U.S. citizen parent resided in the U.S., a U.S. possession, American Samoa or Swain’s Island for a period of at least one year prior to the applicant’s birth.

**Applicant born out of wedlock abroad to a U.S. citizen mother:** Evidence of the U.S. citizenship of the mother, evidence of the relationship to the applicant and, for births on or before December 24, 1952, evidence that the mother resided in the U.S. prior to the applicant’s birth or, for births after December 24, 1952, evidence that the mother had resided, prior to the child’s birth, in the U.S. or a U.S. possession for a period of one year.

**Applicant born in the Canal Zone or the Republic of Panama:**
- A birth certificate showing birth in the Canal Zone on or after February 26, 1904 and before October 1, 1979 and evidence that one parent was a U.S. citizen at the time of the applicant’s birth; or
- A birth certificate showing birth in the Republic of Panama on or after February 26, 1904 and before October 1, 1979 and evidence that at least one parent was a U.S. citizen and employed by the U.S. government or the Panama Railroad Company or its successor in title.

In all other situations in which an applicant claims to have a U.S. citizen parent and an alien parent, or claims to fall within one of the above categories, but is unable to present the listed documentation:
- If the applicant is in the U.S., the applicant should contact the local U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service office for determination of U.S. citizenship;
- If the applicant is outside the U.S., the applicant should contact the State Department for a U.S. citizenship determination.

e. **Adoption of Foreign-Born Child by U.S. Citizen**

- If the birth certificate shows a foreign place of birth and the applicant cannot be determined to be a naturalized citizen under any of the above criteria, obtain other evidence of U.S. citizenship;
- Because foreign-born adopted children do not automatically acquire U.S. citizenship by virtue of adoption by U.S. citizens, the applicant should contact the local U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service office for a determination of U.S. citizenship, if the applicant provides no evidence of U.S. citizenship.
f. **U.S. Citizenship By Marriage**
   A woman acquired U.S. citizenship through marriage to a U.S. citizen before September 22, 1922. Provide evidence of U.S. citizenship of the husband, and evidence showing the marriage occurred before September 22, 1922.
   Note: If the husband was an alien at the time of the marriage, and became naturalized before September 22, 1922, the wife also acquired naturalized citizenship. If the marriage terminated, the wife maintained her U.S. citizenship if she was residing in the U.S. at that time and continued to reside in the U.S.

g. **A U.S. certificate of birth abroad**

h. **A foreign passport with a U.S. Visa**

i. **An I-94 form with a photograph**

j. **A U.S. citizenship and immigration services employment authorization document or refugee travel document**

**LIST B**

**Qualified Aliens, Nonimmigrant, and aliens paroled into U.S. for less than one year.**

a. **“Qualified Aliens”**
   Evidence of “Qualified Alien” status includes the following:
   - **Alien Lawfully admitted for Permanent Residence**
     - *Form I-551 (Alien Registration Receipt Card, commonly known as a “green card”); or
     - Unexpired Temporary I-551 stamp in foreign passport or on *Form I-94.
   - **Asylee**
     - *Form I-94 annotated with stamp showing grant of asylum under section 208 of the INA;
     - *Form I-688B (Employment Authorization Card) annotated “274a.12 (a)(5)”; or
     - Grant letter from the Asylum Office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service; or
     - Order of an immigration judge granting asylum.
   - **Refugee**
     - *Form I-94 annotated with stamp showing admission under § 207 of the INA;
     - *Form I-688B (Employment Authorization Card) annotated “274a.12 (a)(3)”; or
     - *Form I-766 (Employment Authorization Document) annotated “A3”, “A03” or “A-3”;
   - **Alien Paroled into the U.S. for at least One Year**
     - *Form I-94 with stamp showing admission for at least one year under section 212(d)(5) of the INA. (Applicant cannot aggregate periods of admission for less than one year to meet the one-year requirement.
   - **Alien Whose Deportation or Removal was witheld**
     - *Form I-766 (Employment Authorization Document) annotated “A10”;
     - Order from an immigration judge showing deportation withheld under §243(h) of the INA as in effect prior to April 1, 1997, or removal withheld under §241 (b) (3) of the INA.
   - **Alien Granted Conditional Entry**
     - *Form I-94 with stamp showing admission under §203 (a) (7) of the INA;
   - **Cuban/Haitian Entrant**
     - *Form I-551 (Alien Registration Receipt Card, commonly known as a “green Card”) with the code CU6, CU7, or CH6.
     - Unexpired temporary I-551 stamp in foreign passport or on *Form I-94 with the Code CU6 or CU7; or
     - *Form I-94 with stamp showing parole as “Cuba/Haitian Entrant” under Section 212 (d) (5) of the INA.
   - **Alien who has been Declared a Battered Alien or Alien Subjected to Extreme Cruelty**
     - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service petition and supporting documentation

b. **Nonimmigrant**
   Evidence of “Nonimmigrant” status includes the following:
   - *Form I-94 with stamp showing authorized admission as nonimmigrant

c. **Alien Paroled into U.S. for less than one year**
   - *Form I-94 with stamp showing admission for less than one year under section 212 (d) (5) of the INA

d. **A foreign passport with a U.S. visa**

e. **An I-94 form with a photograph**

f. **A U.S. citizenship and immigration services employment authorization document or refugee travel document**
NONCRIMINAL JUSTICE APPLICANT’S PRIVACY RIGHTS

As an applicant who is the subject of a national fingerprint-based criminal history record check for a noncriminal justice purpose (such as an application for employment or a license, an immigration or naturalization matter, security clearance, or adoption), you have certain rights which are discussed below.

- You must be provided written notification\(^1\) that your fingerprints will be used to check the criminal history records of the FBI.
- You must be provided, and acknowledge receipt of, an adequate Privacy Act Statement when you submit your fingerprints and associated personal information. This Privacy Act Statement should explain the authority for collecting your information and how your information will be used, retained, and shared.\(^2\)
- If you have a criminal history record, the officials making a determination of your suitability for the employment, license, or other benefit must provide you the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information in the record.
- The officials must advise you that the procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or update of your criminal history record are set forth at Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 16.34.
- If you have a criminal history record, you should be afforded a reasonable amount of time to correct or complete the record (or decline to do so) before the officials deny you the employment, license, or other benefit based on information in the criminal history record.\(^3\)

You have the right to expect that officials receiving the results of the criminal history record check will use it only for authorized purposes and will not retain or disseminate it in violation of federal statute, regulation or executive order, or rule, procedure or standard established by the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council.\(^4\)

If agency policy permits, the officials may provide you with a copy of your FBI criminal history record for review and possible challenge. If agency policy does not permit it to provide you a copy of the record, you may obtain a copy of the record by submitting fingerprints and a fee to the FBI. Information regarding this process may be obtained at https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks.

If you decide to challenge the accuracy or completeness of your FBI criminal history record, you should send your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information to the FBI. Alternatively, you may send your challenge directly to the FBI. The FBI will then forward your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information and request the agency to verify or correct the challenged entry. Upon receipt of an official communication from that agency, the FBI will make any necessary changes/corrections to your record in accordance with the information supplied by that agency. (See 28 CFR 16.30 through 16.34.)

\(^1\)Written notification includes electronic notification, but excludes oral notification. \(^2\)https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/compact-council/privacy-act-statement \(^3\)See 28 CFR 50.12(b). \(^4\)See 5 U.S.C. 552a(b); 28 U.S.C. 534(b); 34 U.S.C. § 40316 (formerly cited as 42 U.S.C. § 14616), Article IV(c)
Privacy Act Statement

This privacy act statement is located on the back of the FD-258 fingerprint card.

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 Pub. L. 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 otherwise 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.

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