

The Georgia Board of Nursing met September 2, 2005 via teleconference at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Linda Herren, RN, CRNA, President  
Susan Ayers, RN, BSN, MPH  
Toni Barnett, RN, Ph.D., FNP-C  
Linda Easterly, RN, BSN, MSA, MS  
Delynn Keeton, RN, MN  
Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN  
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN  
Karen Wessinger, BSHE, Vice President

**STAFF PRESENT**

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director  
Deborah Beard, Compliance Manager  
Lynne Tollison, RN, BSN Nursing Consultant-Discipline/Legal  
Gwen Dodson, Board Secretary  
Laura Sturick, Administrative Assistant  
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Consultant/Practice  
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mollie Fleeman, Division Director, PLB  
Tanya Battle, Assistant Division Director, Operations, PLB

Mrs. Herren called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Mrs. Herren declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et. Seq.

**Disaster Licensure Exceptions:** Mr. Thigpen made a motion to adopt a new Board policy for Processing Exceptions Due to Natural Disaster for Applications for Licensure as a Registered Nurse by Endorsement Procedure. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

**GEORGIA BOARD OF NURSING  
POLICIES & PROCEDURES**



<b>Category:</b>	<b>Licensure</b>	<b>Policy:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Processing Exceptions Due to Natural Disasters for Applications For Licensure as a Registered Nurse by Endorsement</b>	<b>Procedure:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Statutory Basis:</b>	<b>OCGA § 43-26-7</b>	
<b>Rule Basis:</b>	<b>GBON Rules &amp; Regulations Chapter 410-7</b>	

Each applicant must complete an application for licensure as a registered nurse. All applications can be obtained via verbal request or by downloading the forms from our website – [www.sos.state.ga.us/pib/rn](http://www.sos.state.ga.us/pib/rn). The Board of Nursing may identify states affected by natural disaster or emergencies for which exceptions may be made and for the length of time the exceptions may be allowed.

This policy addresses the special circumstances of applicants for licensure whose home state is identified by the Georgia Board of Nursing as being in emergency or disaster status. Applicants from such states may not be able to provide required picture identification or original and current licensure verification as part of the application process. Under normal circumstances, the Board requests from the applicant picture identification such as copies of a valid driver's license, social security card, and a current, unencumbered RN license in another jurisdiction.

The intention of the Board is to expedite the application processing and licensure of applicants from states that are experiencing an emergency or natural disaster. To comply with the provisions of Rule 410-7-01, the Board may accept one or more of the following as part of an application for licensure for the purposes of issuing a temporary permit:

- Copies of employer records verifying employment as an RN
- Copies of an active, unencumbered RN pocket cards from another NCLEX-RN jurisdiction
- State or Federal Department of Labor records verifying employment as a RN
- National Council State Board of Nursing information regarding the applicant's licensure as a RN
- Documentation from a national certification organization or body for RN's
- FEMA-GEMA information
- Copies of Continuing Education (CE) certificates for RN programs or seminars
- Any other information or documentation deemed acceptable by the Board of Nursing

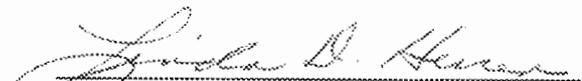
Upon completion of the application to the Board's satisfaction, the applicant may be issued a temporary permit to practice nursing in Georgia for a 6 month period as provided in Rule 410-7-01 (5). All required original licensure verification documents required for issuance of a permanent Georgia RN licensure must be received by the Georgia Board of Nursing before the expiration of the temporary license. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the Board has received the required documents. If verification of original and current licensure of the applicant by the applicant's home state, or any other original document required for licensure in Georgia, cannot be provided before the temporary permit expires, the applicant shall so inform the Board and the Board may take further action at that time regarding application.

The Board has the authority to refuse to license an applicant as well as to revoke, sanction or discipline a licensee for providing to the Board any false information for the purposes of obtaining a temporary permit leading to permanent licensure as a RN in Georgia. The findings of the Board regarding false information may also be reported to other appropriate state or federal agencies for investigation and prosecution.

**Date Adopted:** 09/02/2005  
**Date Effective:** 09/02/2005  
**Date Revised:**  
**Date of Last Review:** 09/02/2005

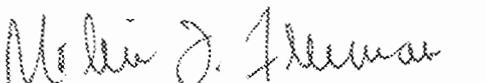
Effective this 2 day of September, 2005.

**GEORGIA BOARD OF NURSING**

  
LINDA HERREN, RN, CRNA, President

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

  
Linda Herren, RN, CRNA President

  
Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director

The minutes were recorded by Laura Sturick, Administrative Assistant and approved November 16, 2005.