



Dear Graduate,

The DHHS Licensure Unit has developed a Provisional Temporary License for new graduates of RN and LPN programs. This Provisional Temporary License can be issued when the Licensure Unit has the following items on file:

- Application
- A transcript or evidence of program completion
- Registration with Pearson VUE

The Provisional Temporary License was developed in response to the Executive Order signed by Governor Ricketts on March 27, 2020. This Executive Order allows the Licensure Unit to issue a nursing license **before** the applicant takes the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) and before a Criminal Background Check (CBC) is completed.

The Provisional Temporary License will be active only for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency and 30 days thereafter or until NCLEX results are received. The expiration date listed on the license is one year after issuance. Be aware that the license may be expired prior to this date depending on the length of the emergency or results from NCLEX.

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the availability of NCLEX testing appointments. The Provisional Temporary License provides the option for new graduates to enter the workforce and begin employment while waiting to take the NCLEX exam.

Pearson VUE continues to work on opening more testing sites. The testing centers have implemented infection control measures, including separation of testers by 6 feet, a decreased number of testers per day, cleaning protocols before and after testing, and modifications to the check in procedure. These modifications may create additional delays in testing availability

Fingerprints and the completion of a Criminal Background Check (CBC) have also been delayed due to the pandemic. CBCs will be required prior to the issuance of a permanent license. Monitor the DHHS Nursing Licensure website for information related to CBCs and NCLEX testing:

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Nurse-Licensing.aspx>

Upon successful completion of the NCLEX exam, completed background check, and payment (if required), a permanent Nebraska nursing license will be issued. If the NCLEX exam attempt is unsuccessful, your provisional license will immediately expire.

Sincerely,

Nursing Licensure Unit

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) dhhs.nursingoffice@nebraska.gov