



Dear Graduate,

Based on Executive Order 20-37, which was signed by Governor Ricketts on December 7, 2020, the Licensure Unit will resume issuing provisional nursing licenses to eligible new graduates. The Provisional Temporary License provides the option for new graduates to enter the workforce and begin employment while waiting to take the NCLEX exam. Once a provisional license is issued, candidates will have **90 days** to schedule and take the NCLEX exam.

The Provisional Temporary License can be issued to new graduates who have the following items on file with the Licensure Unit:

- Application for licensure
- Official transcript verifying graduation
- Registration with Pearson VUE
- Verification that fingerprints and criminal background check processing fee have been received by Nebraska State Patrol

You will have **90 days** to take NCLEX after your provisional license is issued. If you do not schedule an NCLEX exam date within 90 days, your provisional license will expire. If you take NCLEX but do not pass, your provisional license will be expired immediately.

Appointments for taking the NCLEX exam is based on demand. If you do not find an acceptable testing date, time, or location the first time you try to schedule an appointment, please recheck the Pearson VUE site in a few days. Additional testing times are added based on demand and availability can change. The exam can be taken in any state. The testing centers have implemented infection control measures, including separation of testers by 6 feet, cleaning protocols before and after testing and modifications to the check in procedure.

Upon successful completion of the NCLEX exam, you will be issued a permanent license if all other license application requirements, including receipt of a Criminal Background Check, have been met.

Authorization for provisional licensure will end 30 days after the COVID-19 emergency is lifted. Any provisional licenses that are active at the time the emergency is lifted be expired within 30 days.

Sincerely,

Nursing Licensure Unit

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