

BOARD POLICY
Licensing

Pending License Renewal Applications

POLICY: It is the policy of the Maine State Board of Nursing that applications for renewal of licensed practical nurse, registered professional nurse and advanced practice registered nurse licenses and are received while a complaint or investigation is outstanding against the licensee shall be pended and action on the renewal held until the Board has taken final action on all complaints.

The applicant shall be so notified when the application is received and by separate correspondence informed that until the Board takes final action regarding the renewal application, the licensee may continue to practice under the authority of the old license, provided that the applicant has submitted a timely and sufficient renewal application, as allowed by 5 M.R.S. § 10002.

A waiver of this policy may be granted by the Board in extraordinary circumstances through written request to the Board staff. Extraordinary circumstances include but are not limited to:

- Extreme hardship caused by the delay in renewal

When a renewal is pended and the matter is scheduled for an adjudicatory hearing, the issue of whether or not to renew the pended license shall be included as an issue at the adjudicatory hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 29, 2018

REVISION DATES: March 17, 2021

HISTORY: The March 17, 2021 modification allows licensees to appeal the pended status in extraordinary circumstances.