

New Jersey Administrative Code Amendments

N.J.A.C. 6A:9B, State Board of Examiners and Certification

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Adoption Level
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Petition for Rulemaking

- Petition sought to amend N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-7.5 and 14.3.
- Would allow multistate RN licenses (NLC) issued by other member states to qualify for New Jersey school nurse credentials.
- New Jersey is an NLC member state.
- Current rules require a New Jersey-issued RN license, limiting eligibility.
- Many New Jersey-based nurses hold multistate licenses from other NLC states.
- Expanding eligibility would increase the pool of qualified school nurse candidates to meet workforce demand.



Amendments: N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-7.5 and 6A:9B-14.3

N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-7.5 Substitute credential for positions not requiring instructional certificates

- The Board of Examiners may issue a substitute school nurse/non-instructional credential to the holder of a valid New Jersey registered professional nurse license **or, pursuant to P.L. 2019, c. 172, a valid multistate registered professional nurse license issued by the licensing board of a state that is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact.**

N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-14.3 School nurse

- A current New Jersey registered professional nurse license issued by the New Jersey State Board of Nursing **or, pursuant to P.L. 2019, c. 172, a valid multistate registered professional nurse license issued by the licensing board of a state that is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact.**



Amendments: N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-14.4

N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-14.4 School nurse/non-instructional

- A current New Jersey registered professional nurse license issued by the New Jersey State Board of Nursing **or, pursuant to P.L. 2019, c. 172, a valid multistate registered professional nurse license issued by the licensing board of a state that is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact;**
- Upon the executive county superintendent's request, the Office may issue an emergency certificate to a candidate who holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, a current New Jersey registered professional nurse license **or, pursuant to P.L. 2019, c. 172, a valid multistate registered professional nurse license issued by the licensing board of a state that is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact,** and current CPR/AED certification. The candidate shall present evidence of study in public health nursing. The study must appear on the transcript of an accredited four-year college or university.



Comment and Response Summary

- Broad support for amending N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-7.5, 14.3, and 14.4 to allow multistate RN licenses from Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) states to qualify for school nurse credentials.
- New Jersey faces a critical shortage of school nurses and that the amendments would expand access to qualified candidates without compromising quality.
- Multistate licensed nurses already practice legally in New Jersey healthcare settings and should be eligible for school nursing role.
- Prior exclusion of multistate licenses appeared to be an unintended inconsistency with New Jersey's participation in the NLC.
- Questions about timing and implementation, including when the amendments would take effect and whether they would apply retroactively



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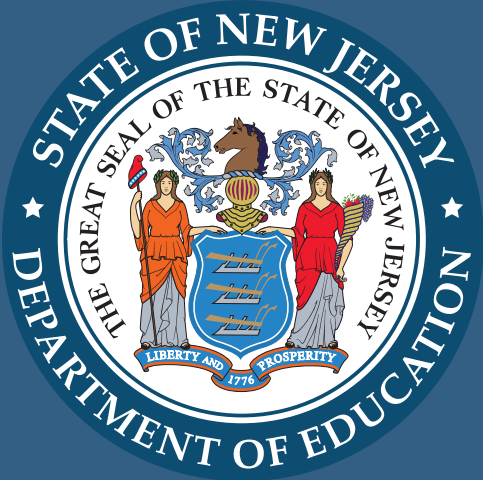
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