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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Dear Director:

The purpose of this letter is to remind you that all nurses employed at your camp must have a current Maine license to practice nursing. The only exception is the nurse who legally resides in another compact state, holds an active, multi-state license in that state, and is traveling to Maine on a temporary assignment. The compact states are: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

You need to check the license status of any nurse that provides you with a copy of a license in one of the other compact states. You would do this by going to the licensee's Board of Nursing and completing an on-line verification of license to ensure the nurse has multi-state/compact privilege. If the nurse doesn't, the nurse should either contact his/her Board if he/she thinks there is an error, or apply for a Maine nursing license if he/she is not eligible for multi-state/ compact status.

If the nurse is planning to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN); nurse-midwife, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or registered nurse anesthetist, he or she must be licensed in Maine prior to beginning employment. Nurses planning to work strictly as an advanced practice registered nurse may apply for the APRN license only. If the nurse will be acting in a dual role RN/APRN he/she must be licensed as a registered professional nurse (RN) (either in Maine or another compact state) and as an APRN.

The process of licensure by endorsement registered professional nurse (RN) and licensed practical nurse (LPN) from another state may take upwards to 90 days to complete, depending on the documents need to complete the application. A 90 day authorization to practice letter, pending licensure, may be given to an applicant who meets the requirements. Complete applications must be received in this office at least 2-3 weeks before the beginning of employment in order for the applicant to receive a 90 day letter.

The process for APRN licensure usually takes about the same time as RN and LPN licensure. The applicant is required to submit several original source documents as part of the application process which may increase the time for the application to be complete and for the license to be issued.



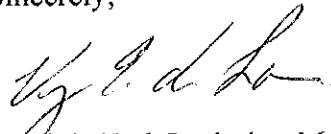
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The process for licensure by endorsement for Canadian and Foreign nurses takes many months.

**Please be advised of an immigration law change effective July 26, 2004.** All non immigrant nurses must be issued a VisaScreen Certificate to obtain or renew an occupational visa. An occupational visa (for non immigrant nurses) is required to obtain a U.S. Social Security number. Maine requires a U.S. Social Security number prior to issuing a nursing license. Information regarding the VisaScreen process and applications are available at [www.cgfns.org](http://www.cgfns.org).

Would you please call this office, or e-mail me at [virginia.e.delorimier@maine.gov](mailto:virginia.e.delorimier@maine.gov), and provide your e-mail address. This would be helpful in contacting you with future information.

Sincerely,



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