New Jersey Administrative Code Amendments

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

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Background

- May 5, 2025 - Rulemaking Petition Submitted
  - Sought amendments to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-7.5 and 14.3
  - Allow holders of a multistate registered professional nurse license issued by a state board of nursing that participates in the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) to qualify for a NJ substitute school nurse/non-instructional credential or an educational services certificate with a school nurse endorsement
- Spring/Summer - Consultation with Division of Consumer Affairs (DCA)
  - New Jersey Board of Nursing is responsible for licensure and oversight of registered professional nurses
  - NJ is a member of the NLC
  - As a member, NJ issues multistate licenses that allow holders the “privilege to practice” in NJ
- September 2025 – Granted the Petition
  - Included both amendments sought by petitioner and adding, to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-14.4, amendments regarding the requirements for the school nurse/non-instructional endorsement, which was not included in the original petition

Rationale for Amendments: NLC Member

- NJ is a NLC member state (43 states are currently members, including NJ)
- As such, NJ issues multistate professional nurse licenses to eligible candidates (NJ residents that meet eligibility criteria)
  - DCA colleagues confirmed there is no difference in competency standards for the multistate license versus a NJ single state license
- NJ-issued multistate license allows NJ nurses to practice in NJ and other NLC member states
- NJ recognizes multistate licenses issued by other NLC member states
  - (e.g., a nurse issued a multistate out of Texas can use the Texas-issued multistate to practice in NJ; NJ-issued multistate license holders can practice in Texas, or another NLC member state)

Rationale for Amendments: Reducing Barriers

- Current NJ school nurse regulations require submission of NJ-issued registered professional nurse license
  - This limits the school nurse candidate pool
  - NJ hospitals, medical offices and the like employ nurses who have multistate licenses issued by another NLC state
  - Department's regulations to limit the school nurse endorsements to NJ-issued registered professional nurse licenses only
- For NJ schools, expanding the eligibility requirement to include NLC multistate licenses expands the pool of school nurse candidates, which are in demand.

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

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**.

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

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**.

Proposed 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.

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