

## Licensure by Equivalency – Policy Statement

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Policy Name: **LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT BY EQUIVALENCE**

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Purpose: To define criteria for licensure consideration by endorsement that are “substantially equivalent” to Idaho’s minimum education and examination requirements.

Policy: A. As a prerequisite to consideration, an applicant for either LPN or RN licensure must have at least two (2) years of practice as a licensed nurse prior to application for licensure by equivalence, with a disciplinary record that is acceptable to the Board.

B. To satisfy the substantial equivalent alternative to otherwise required educational obligations, an applicant must also meet at least one (1) of the following conditions:

1. Satisfactory completion of educational requirements acceptable for initial licensure as an LPN or an RN in another state or territory of the U.S.

OR

2. Other educational preparation and/or experience determined by the Board to be acceptable.

C. To satisfy the substantial equivalent alternative to otherwise required examination obligations, an applicant must also meet at least one (1) of the following conditions:

1. A successful score on a competency examination adopted by a Board of Nursing in another jurisdiction used for determination of beginning-level competence for purposes of initial licensure in that jurisdiction.

OR

2. A successful score on the SBTPE or NCLEX examination for RNs or LPNs based on scoring established by a Board of Nursing to be appropriate for determination of competence for purposes of initial licensure in that jurisdiction.

OR

3. A successful score on another examination determined by the Board to be acceptable.

D. Licenses issued by equivalence shall be "single state" licenses.