The attached are Primary Source Documents of the Idaho Board of Nursing for:

PATRICIA ZINS  
N-27984

Idaho Board of Nursing – PO Box 83720 – Boise, Idaho 83720-0061 – (208) 334-3110
Patricia Zins
2894 River road
Damascus, PA 18415

Dear Ms. Zins:

Following review of written materials during their meeting of May 3-4, 2012, the members of the Board of Nursing took action to issue you a limited license, with conditions for five (5) years, upon receipt of the $100.00 fee required under IDAPA 23.01.01.901.08. The conditions of limited licensure are indicated on the attached Order on Petition for Reinstatement of License. Report forms will be included with the limited license.

Motivation to assume responsibility for the submission of reports is an important aspect of recovery. Therefore, no reminders will be sent by the Board of Nursing in advance of when reports are due. You are expected to submit reports in a timely manner. Reports may be faxed (208) 334-3262 to aid in their timely submission. All reports must be submitted no later than the 30th of the month in which they are due. Please note that should the limited license not be obtained within twelve (12) months of the issuance of the Order, the previously imposed discipline will remain in effect and you will need to submit a new reinstatement application and supporting documents.

The limited license may be summarily suspended and shall be surrendered upon demand without prior notice or hearing, in the event the Board of Nursing or its staff receives information or evidence that any of the conditions of the limited license or the rules of the Board have been violated.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning the limited license or the conditions.

Sincerely,

SANDRA EVANS, MAEd, RN
Executive Director

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The Mission of the Board of Nursing is to regulate nursing practice and education for the purpose of safeguarding the public health, safety and welfare.
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

STATE OF IDAHO

In the Matter of the Application of:

PATRICIA ANN ZINS
License No. N-27984
RESPONDENT.

ORDER ON PETITION
FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE

CASE 03-037

On January 30, 2012, Patricia Zins ("Respondent") applied for reinstatement of her professional nurse ("RN") license. After its careful review and consideration of Respondent's application and other relevant information supplied by Board staff at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 3-4, 2012, the Board of Nursing ("Board") enters the following Order granting Respondent's Petition for Reinstatement of License.

FINDINGS

Respondent originally became licensed in Idaho as a licensed professional nurse ("RN") on or about September 28, 1998. She was issued License No. N-27984.

On January 29, 2004, the Board adopted Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Final Order in which Respondent's license was revoked. The Revocation Order was based upon findings that Respondent had failed to have wastage witnessed, had committed judgment errors, and admitted to the use of and tested positive for cocaine and opiates. Respondent self-referred herself to the Program for Recovering Nurses (PRN); however violated her contract and voluntarily surrendered her license on May 30, 2003. Respondent subsequently withdrew from the PRN program and was referred to the Board for disciplinary action.

As indicated, Respondent applied for reinstatement on January 30, 2012. Favorable information submitted to the Board in consideration of Respondent's application for reinstatement included information supporting evidence of sobriety and consistent employment.

CONCLUSION

1. The facts as stated above fall within the regulatory jurisdiction of the Board as set forth in title 54, chapter 14, Idaho Code.
2. The Board has the power to refuse to reinstate a license, and may place on probation, reprimand, limit, restrict, condition or take other disciplinary action against the licensee upon the determination that the licensee engaged in conduct constituting grounds for discipline. Idaho Code Section 54-1413.

3. In considering applications for reinstatement, the Board evaluates the nature and severity of the act that resulted in revocation; the applicant’s subsequent conduct; the lapse of time since discipline; the degree of compliance with any terms and conditions that the Board imposed; intervening circumstances; degree of rehabilitation; applicant’s adherence to law and rule; and applicant’s criminal background. IDAPA 23.01.01.062.03.

4. The Board may issue a limited license to a qualified applicant who has been the subject of a disciplinary action. IDAPA 23.01.01.132.01.a.

5. Respondent’s license was the subject of disciplinary action, based on conduct constituting legal grounds for imposition of discipline.

6. Respondent has complied with all terms and conditions imposed by the Board, and has submitted documentation to support her on-going stability.

7. Respondent’s demonstration of meeting the Board’s requirements qualifies her for reinstatement of licensure; however, Respondent’s history of discipline by the Board constitutes grounds for the imposition of limits or conditions on her license to practice.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that Respondent’s petition for reinstatement is GRANTED, but only upon the following limitations and terms:

1. Respondent will be issued a conditional limited license for five (5) years, restricted solely to Idaho, following receipt of the required fee of $100.00, (IDAPA 23.01.01.901.08), and subject to Respondent’s strict adherence to and compliance with each of the following conditions and limitations:

   a. Notify the Board of any change in current address and telephone number within ten (10) days of that change.

   b. Employment must be pre-approved by Board staff, including the name and address of the supervisor. This information must be on file with the Board at the time that any employment in any field is accepted.

   c. Performance Evaluations: Assure that employer(s) submits reports of performance at monthly intervals for twelve (12) months, then at quarterly intervals, or as requested by Board staff, directly to the Board.

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d. **Urine Drug Screens:** Register with FirstLab, the Board’s testing facility, and submit random urine drug screens monthly for fifteen (15) months, then quarterly, or as requested by Board staff.

e. **Investigative Charges:** Reimburse the amount of $88.00 to the Board for investigative charges.

f. **Self-Evaluation Reports:** Submit self-evaluations at monthly intervals for twelve (12) months, and upon Board request.

g. **12-Step Meetings:** Attend 2-3 12-Step meetings per week and submit cards *monthly* to the Board office to validate attendance.

h. **Sponsor Reports:** Meet with your sponsor monthly for twelve (12) months, then quarterly, or as requested by Board staff.

i. **Access to Narcotics:** Have NO access to narcotics for a period of at least 30 days. Approval must be obtained from professional Board staff prior to any access to narcotics.

j. Abstain from the use of any controlled substance or other drugs with similar effect that are not prescribed. Copies of prescriptions must be on file with the Board within 48 hours of the order.

k. Comply with all laws, rules, standards, policies and procedures pertaining to the practice of nursing.

l. May not accept employment as a nurse in another state without written authorization from the Idaho Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the employment state, including any state party to the Nurse Licensure Compact.

2. **Re-Entry into Practice**

   a. Applicants who have been out of practice from three (3) to ten (10) years may be issued a conditional temporary license with the following requirements:

      1) Work under registered nurse supervision with no charge responsibilities;

      2) After a minimum of 80 hours of supervised practice, request the registered nurse supervisor submit to the Board of Nursing a written performance evaluation regarding basic nursing skills as addressed in Nursing Practice Rules.

   b. Applicants are encouraged to enroll in a refresher course if one is available in the area of residence.

3. **Additional Conditions:**

   a. Should the limited license not be obtained within twelve (12) months of the issuance of this Order, the previously imposed discipline will remain in effect and Respondent must submit a new reinstatement application and supporting documents.

   b. **Length of Monitoring.** The conditions of this limited license will remain in effect until there are five (5) years of documented continuous monitoring.

   c. Activities that prevent full compliance with monitoring conditions, such as out-of-state travel, vacations, etc, must be approved ten (10) days in advance of the planned activity.

4. **Reporting Requirements.** All reports must be submitted to the Board of Nursing office by the 30th day of each month in which they are due. Further assure that any required reports to be submitted by others are submitted by the 30th of each month in which they are due.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that any failure to strictly adhere to the foregoing conditions, including the submission of reports in a timely manner shall constitute grounds for the imposition of disciplinary action.

DATED this 22nd day of May, 2012.

IDAHO STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: [Signature]
Susan Odom, PhD, RN
Chairman
NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

This is a Final Order of the agency. Any party may file a motion for reconsideration of this Final Order within fourteen (14) days of the service date of this Order. The agency will dispose of the petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt, or the petition will be considered denied by operation of law. See Idaho Code § 67-5246(4).

As set forth in section 54-1413, Idaho Code, and Board of Nursing Rule, IDAPA 23.01.01.165.01, you may petition for reconsideration of any final order of the Board upon the following grounds:

a. Newly discovered or newly available evidence relevant to the issues;
b. Error in the processing or Board decision that would be grounds for reversal or judicial review of the order;
c. Need for further consideration of the issues and the evidence in the public interest; or
d. A showing that issues not considered ought to be examined in order to properly dispose of the matter.

Pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 67-5270 and 67-5272, any party aggrieved by this Final Order or orders previously issued in this case may appeal this Final Order and all previously issued orders in this case to district court by filing a petition in the district court of the county in which:

i. a hearing was held,
ii. the final agency action was taken,
iii. the party seeking review of the order resides or operates its principal place of business in Idaho, or
iv. the real property or personal property that was the subject of the agency action is located.

An appeal must be filed within twenty-eight (28) days (a) of the service date of this Final Order, (b) of an order denying Motion for Reconsideration, or (c) the failure within twenty-one (21) days to grant or deny a Motion for Reconsideration, whichever is later. See Idaho Code § 67-5273. The filing of an appeal to district court does not itself stay the effectiveness or enforcement of the order under appeal.
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 22nd day of May, 2012, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing ORDER ON PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE, addressed as follows:

Roger Gabel
Deputy Attorney General
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Linda H. Coley,
Management Assistant
Idaho Board of Nursing
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