Idaho Board of Nursing

Frequently asked questions about license renewal and continued competency requirements

Q. I’m only working part-time. I do on-line CE and go to all the required meetings and in-services at work. Will I be able to renew my license?

A. Yes – Within 2 years you should be able to show compliance with our rules by working part-time, doing online CE and attending work required meetings and classes.

Q. I am taking a Yoga class – can that count for CE?

A. No, taking an exercise class will not count toward your license renewal continued competence requirements. Teaching the class for patients would count.

Q. I teach CPR – can I use that when I renew my license?

A. Yes – that will count toward your renewal requirements for continued competency.

Q. I’m retired but I want to keep my license – how can I do that if I’m not working?

A. Volunteering in healthcare, Parish nursing, respite care, keeping up with journals and healthcare publications, and serving on Boards or committees are just a few ways to maintain licensure even if you are not working for compensation. Or, consider a Nurse Emeritus license.

Q. I work for a law firm and do chart reviews for litigation cases. Will I be able to renew my nursing license?

A. If you use your nursing judgement and knowledge or your job description requires a nurse, you can use it as partial completion of your continued competency requirements.

Q. I am not working right now – I have three kids at home. What can I do to maintain licensure?

A. If you want to maintain licensure you can volunteer at health-related or community service functions, do online CE, take a class, read nursing journals……

Q. What if my license expires and I could not comply with the continued competency rules?

A. You can let us know your situation – we may be able to offer a temporary license/extension, so you can complete the requirements.
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<td>I work for the Department of Health and Welfare – I survey nursing homes. Will that be okay for continued competence?</td>
<td>Does the job description require or prefer a nurse? Does your nursing education enhance your work? As partial completion of the requirements, this will work.</td>
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<td>I’m a licensed nurse in ID and I’m taking Spanish classes for my volunteer missionary work at a health clinic. Will the Spanish classes count toward my license renewal requirements?</td>
<td>Yes – The Spanish class you take to help you in your clinic work can be used toward your renewal requirements.</td>
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<td>Do I have to do an activity from each section in the continued competency rules?</td>
<td>No, you must do two activities and they can come from any one or more sections. (the sections pertain to Practice, Education, and Professional Engagement)</td>
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