



Reactivation of Retired License

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Questions	Answers
What if I did not renew my license because I retired but now I wish to return to working as a nurse?	First, you should check the status of your license on the License Lookup section of the website. If your license is listed as “Lapsed” you are not eligible to Reactivate a Retired License. Instead, you should complete the Reinstatement of a Lapsed License process. You may find that electronic application here .
What do I have to do “un-retire” my nursing license?	In order to reactivate an inactive license with a “Retired” status, the applicant shall pay the required fees and submit 24 contact hours of continuing education (CE) earned within two years of the date of the application.
How much does it cost?	The fee for reactivation of a license with retired status is: \$575 , if reactivation is within two years of obtaining retired status (\$500 reactivation fee plus \$75 renewal fee); or \$225 , if reactivation is after two years of obtaining retired status (\$150 reactivation fee plus \$75 renewal fee). FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.
Do I have to have any CE to Reactivate my license?	Yes, you must have 24 hours of CE earned within the past 24 months.
If I earn CE in the current CE earning/renewal period to Reactivate my license from Retired Status, may I use that toward the next renewal?	No, you may not use that CE toward the next renewal of your license. You should take care to ensure that those CE hours that you earn in the current renewal period are not present on your Individual CE Record for the next renewal.
What if I have to answer “Yes” to one of the Regulatory Questions?	You should answer the Regulatory Questions honestly and you may be contacted to provide additional documentation regarding your disclosure.
Where do I get the application to Reactivate my Retired License to an Active status?	You may download and print the application here .