

Attention

Important Communication

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Advanced Practice Nurses Primary Source Certification Verification

The Alabama Board of Nursing requires official verification (primary source) of your recertification in writing from the national specialty certification organization. This has been a requirement for the past ten years. If you have recertified and have not sent the primary source verification to the Board, you need to do so, as soon as, possible. The verification must arrive to the Board prior to the certification expiration the Board has on file. There are no grace periods. If the current certification is not on file, the approval will expire and the collaborative practice will terminate if in a collaborative practice.

Failure to send primary source recertification verification to the Board shall result in the expiration of the Advanced Practice approval. If the Advanced Practice approval expires, the result will be the need to reinstate the approval, send primary source verification, and if in a collaborative practice a need to submit the 'Add a collaborative Practice Application'.

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners (CRNP) and Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM) may view the on-line profile to determine if the ABN has the latest recertification information on file. If you see that the latest recertification is not listed you must request the certifying agency to send the information to the Board. The request must come from you, the advanced practice nurse.

The CRNP/CNM/CRNA/CNS Individual profile may be viewed on the Boards website under the Advanced Practice tab; On-Line Applications. If the information is not correct, the Board has not received the latest primary source verification. Please note the Board cannot accept faxed or emailed copies it must be from the primary source.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Board at 334-293-5200. The certifying agencies have ABN contact information on file. If needed the certified agencies may send the information electronically to the following individuals.

- Melissa Curtis at melissa.curtis@abn.alabama.gov
- Charlene Cotton at charlene.cotton@abn.alabama.gov.