

**Alabama Administrative Code
Chapter 610-X-4 Licensure**

Special Circumstances

The special circumstances for licensure are listed below. For your convenience and future reference, you may wish to bookmark the Alabama Administrative Code Link [<http://www.abn.alabama.gov/Content.aspx?id=128>]. Special Circumstances for licensure are located in **Rule 610-X-4-.16**.

610-X-4-.16 Special Circumstances

(1) In the event the Governor proclaims a state of emergency impacting any part of Alabama, **Code of Alabama, 1975** Section 34-21-6 applies for the first thirty (30) days. An individual licensed to practice nursing in another state may provide emergency assistance in Alabama for up to thirty (30) days subject to verification of licensure in the state where licensed. Any organization or individual who provides employment or volunteer opportunities for the licensed nurse providing nursing services is responsible to assure the validity of the nursing license.

(2) Should an emergency continue past thirty days, a temporary permit to practice nursing in Alabama for 90 days is required. An application for an emergency temporary permit is required to be submitted to the Board either electronically or by mail.

(3) Any individual licensed to practice nursing in another state is required to have an Alabama license if educational or consultative services extend beyond 30 calendar days in one year.

(a) Providing nursing care at a camp in Alabama for longer than seven (7) days within a calendar year requires a license to practice nursing in Alabama.

(b) Providing nursing care to and accompanying students from another state to Alabama for longer than seven (7) days within a calendar year requires a license to practice nursing in Alabama.

(4) Telephonic or electronic services used to communicate with patients and provide direction regarding nursing and medical care require an active license to practice nursing in Alabama.

(5) A licensed practical nurse or registered nurse who retires or ceases nursing practice for any reason and has no intention to practice in the future may apply to the Board for an inactive license with a "retired" status.

(a) The inactive license is valid for the same license period as an active license.

(b) A fee is required to renew an inactive license.

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(c) Continuing education is not required to maintain an inactive

(d) In order to reactivate an inactive license, the applicant shall submit an electronic application, pay the required fees and submit 24 contact hours of continuing education earned within two years of the date of the application.

(6) In the event of a national emergency duly declared by Federal officials or in the event of a natural disaster or state of emergency duly proclaimed by the Governor, a certified registered nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife may provide emergency treatment without immediate physician collaboration to patients within the affected areas of the state, provided that the treatment is within the individual's scope of education, training and approved protocol. The certified registered nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife in such circumstance shall make reasonable efforts to inform the collaborating physician of the location and type of emergency services being provided and shall act in conformance with the direction of local physicians. The authority granted under this paragraph shall extend only for the duration of the declared national emergency or state emergency or natural disaster.