

**Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact  
Frequently Asked Questions for Oklahoma Nursing Licensees**

**1. If I hold a single-state license in Oklahoma, will my license automatically convert to a multistate license on January 19, 2018?**

Answer: No. An individual desiring a multistate license must submit an Application and pay the appropriate application fee. On all application forms for multistate licensure in an enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC) party state, an applicant shall declare a primary state of residence. To obtain multistate licensure in Oklahoma, an individual shall declare Oklahoma as his/her primary state of residence.

In addition to meeting the home state's qualifications for licensure or renewal of licensure, applicants for multistate licensure shall also meet the eNLC Uniform Licensure Requirements available at <http://nursing.ok.gov/ulr.pdf>.

If you currently hold an active license in Oklahoma, select the Multistate Application for Existing Licensee. If you have any questions regarding the appropriate application type, please call the Board of Nursing at (405) 962-1800. Applications can be accessed at <https://pay.apps.ok.gov/nursing/licensing/app/index.php>

**2. Am I required to obtain a multistate license?**

Answer: No. Obtaining a multistate license is optional and requires the individual to meet Oklahoma's qualifications for licensure or renewal of licensure, and meet the eNLC Uniform Licensure Requirements (<http://nursing.ok.gov/ulr.pdf>); and to submit the appropriate application and fee.

**3. When can I apply for a multistate license in Oklahoma?**

Answer: The applications will be available online on January 5, 2018, and can be accessed at <https://pay.apps.ok.gov/nursing/licensing/app/index.php>. No eNLC multistate license can be issued prior to January 19, 2018.

**4. What is the cost of a multistate license?**

Answer: The cost of an **initial** multistate license is \$150.00. The cost of renewing a multistate license is \$125.00 and will be due on the last day of your birthday month for Registered Nurses during even years (e.g. 2018, and 2020, and 2022...) and for Licensed Practical Nurses during odd years (e.g. 2019, and 2021, and 2023...).

**5. If I apply for an RN multistate license in Oklahoma in January 2018, will I still need to renew my single-state license in Oklahoma?**

Answer: No. An individual cannot hold both a single-state license and a multistate license in an eNLC party state. After the implementation date (January 19, 2018), party states (including Oklahoma) shall not renew or reinstate a single state license if the nurse has a multistate license in an eNLC party state. In addition, please see question # 7 below.

6. **Since my birthday is in the month of January, and a multistate license cannot be issued prior to January 19, 2018, do I need to renew my single-state license in addition to applying for a multistate license?**

Answer: All applicants desiring multistate licensure and whose Oklahoma nursing license expires on January 31, 2018, are encouraged to submit an application for multistate licensure as soon as the applications are available (January 5, 2018) and to have fingerprints collected specifically for the Board of Nursing. Processing the application is dependent upon timely submission of the application, fingerprints, all required documents, and meeting the state qualifications for nursing licensure as well as the eNLC Uniform Licensure Requirements. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Oklahoma Board of Nursing at (405) 962-1809.

7. **If my birthday month is June and I obtained a multistate license earlier in 2018, will I still need to renew my RN multistate license in June 2018?**

Answer: Yes. The cycle of nursing licensure renewal in Oklahoma continues to be due on the last day of your birthday month for Registered Nurses during even years (e.g. 2018, and 2020, and 2022...) and for Licensed Practical Nurses during odd years (e.g. 2019, and 2021, and 2023...).

8. **Can I keep my single-state license in another compact state if I get a multistate license in Oklahoma?**

Answer: No. After the implementation date (January 19, 2018), party states shall not renew or reinstate a single-state license if the nurse has a multistate license in another state.

9. **Is it mandatory to register for e-Notify?**

Answer: No. However, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing provides the Nursys e-Notify system resources to both licensed nurses and employers of licensed nurses FREE of charge.

Nursys e-Notify is an innovative national nurse licensure notification system that provides subscribed **employers** of licensed nurses real-time notifications, alerting the subscribed party when changes such as license status, license expiration, pending license renewals and public disciplinary action are made to a nurse's license record.

Nursys is a convenient way for **nurses** to receive license expiration reminders and status updates of nursing licensure, and to track license verifications for endorsement. Licensed nurses and employers of licensed nurses may subscribe to the service FREE of charge at <https://www.nursys.com/EN/ENDefault.aspx> .