

Governor Inslee issued an emergency proclamation and waived certain licensing requirements. Please see the table below for information. Please read the FAQs prior to sending our office a message. Our staff is processing as many applications as possible. Be sure to double check your application before submitting to make sure all information is included and all documents are attached. Incomplete applications will be delayed.

If you are	Application or Requirements	*Fees Due	FAQs
An RN/LPN with an active license, living in WA state	Apply directly to an employer	RN \$120 LPN \$85 *Due at renewal	
An RN/LPN that has a current retired active license in WA state	You can work 90 days a year with this license, unlimited during a declared state emergency	RN \$65 LPN \$65 *Due at renewal	There are no additional scope of practice limitations with retired active status
An inactive RN/LPN for less than 3 years wanting to change license to active status	No application needed Submit written request with difference in inactive to active fee	RN \$120 LPN \$85 *Late fee waived	The yearly inactive renewal fee is \$65. The fee due to change to active status is \$55 for RNs and \$20 for LPNs
An RN/LPN with an expired license for less than 1 year	No application needed Submit renewal fee	RN \$120 LPN \$85 *Late fee waived	No attestation of continuing competency due
An RN/LPN with an expired license for over 1 year and less than 3 years. Or expired more than 3 years, but has been actively practicing in another U.S. state	Reactivation application	RN \$120 LPN \$85 *Late fee and penalty fee waived	No refresher course required No Suicide Prevention CE required No attestation of HIV/AIDS education Proof of active practice in other state, if WA license expired more than 3 years
An RN/LPN with an expired or inactive license more than 3 years and has not been actively practicing in another state	Nursing Assistant Registered application	NAR \$85	Due to the lack of refresher programs during the COVID-19 crisis, please consider becoming a nursing assistant registered (NAR).
A nursing student that has a Nursing Technician registration about to expire	Email a request for extension to the Licensing Unit	No fee to extend	Nurse tech registrations can be extended for up to 60 days post-graduation due to circumstances beyond your control, such as the COVID-19 crisis and inability to test.
A recent nursing graduate awaiting to test for the NCLEX	Examination application	RN \$120 LPN \$85	We will grant an emergency interim permit to recent graduates who have met all other licensing requirements who are unable to test for the NCLEX due to closures. You do not need to request this permit.
A nursing assistant student and your program has been cancelled	Nursing Assistant Registered application	NAR \$85	Register as a nursing assistant-registered. We need all the help we can get in our acute care and long term care facilities. If you are working in a nursing home, you need to be enrolled and progressing in a nursing assistant-certified program.
A nursing assistant student who just finished your certification program and the test center is closed	Nursing Assistant Registered application	NAR \$85	Register as a nursing assistant-registered. We need all the help we can get in our acute care and long term care facilities. You will be able to complete your certification examination in the future.
A nursing assistant-certified with an expired credential	Nursing Assistant Registered application Nursing Assistant-Certified Expired Certification Renewal or Re-Activation Application	NAR \$85 NAC \$95 Renewal NAC Late Renewal \$50 Penalty NAC \$52 Expired Certificate Re-Issue	If the credential is expired for 3 years or less, apply to re-activate it. If is expired for more than 3 years, register as a nursing assistant-registered (NAR). We need all the help we can get in our acute care and long term care facilities. You will be able to complete your re-training and certification examination in the future.
An RN/LPN from another U.S. state or a Canadian province (excluding Quebec) with an active license	Application instructions	RN \$120 LPN \$85	You may endorse your license into Washington state.