**Section 1300.310 RN Licensure Examination**

a) The Board shall make recommendations to the Division regarding content, design and contractor for a licensure examination. A licensure examination contract shall be negotiated and approved by the Division.

b) Registered Professional Nurse Examination

1) The passing grade on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for registered professional nurses shall be based on an ability scale designed to measure minimum RN competency. A pass/fail grade will be assigned.

2) An RN applicant who fails the examination is not eligible for licensure

3) If the examination is not passed within 3 years from the date of application, regardless of jurisdiction in which the examination was written, the applicant shall not be permitted to retake the examination until the applicant has enrolled in a NCLEX review course. The applicant shall submit proof to the Division. This subsection (b)(3) does not apply to applicants who are licensed in another jurisdiction.

4) If 3 years from the date of original application has lapsed, the applicant shall be required to submit a new application to the Division pursuant to Section 60-10 of the Act and provide evidence of meeting the requirements in force at the time of the new application.

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