



LICENSE INFORMATION

Website: <http://www.rn.ca.gov/licensees/ren-fags.shtml>

FIRST CALIFORNIA LICENSE:

Your first California license is issued for two birthdays--NOT **two** years--and expires the last day of the month following your birth date. From that date on, it will expire every two years, if renewed timely.

CALIFORNIA LICENSURE:

Once a California license number is issued, it will always remain the same number whether active, inactive or delinquent. If the license lapses and later the licensee wishes to renew, the same license number and renewal cycle will apply. EXAMPLE: If the license expired 8/31/2010 and the licensee asked to renew in January 2012, the delinquent fee and proof of 30 contact hours of continuing education taken within the last two years would be required. The license would then expire 8/31/2012 and another 30 hours of continuing education would be needed at that time. A licensee cannot practice in California with an expired license.

INACTIVE STATUS:

"Inactive status" means that the RN has paid the renewal fee, but has not completed the continuing education requirement. A licensee **cannot** practice in California with an inactive license. To change to an active status, the licensee must submit proof of 30 contact hours of continuing education taken within the past two years. NOTE: This does not extend the expiration date. The same expiration date will apply and another 30 hours of continuing education will be needed at the time of renewal.

LAPSED LICENSE:

A late renewal fee and proof of 30 contact hours of continuing education are required in order to renew a lapsed license if the active license is desired. **If** a license remains lapsed for more than 8 years the licensee will be required to retake and pass the licensing examination to be reinstated.

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS:

Applications are mailed out approximately three months prior to the expiration date of the license. If it is not received two months before the expiration date, please contact the Board. To ensure receipt of renewal applications, **always** keep the Board informed of any address change. Registered nurses are responsible for renewing their licenses even if they do not receive a renewal notice.

NAME/ADDRESS CHANGES:

The law requires that RN's notify the Board within 30 days of any name or address changes. Address changes may be given to the Board over the telephone or in writing. **NAME CHANGES MUST** be submitted in writing, listing the old name, new name, last 4 digits of social security number and RN license number.