



Nurse License Status Categories: Inactive/Retired/Lapsed/Expired

	Inactive	Retired	Late/Lapsed	Expired
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For individuals who do not plan to practice nursing at this time with their Arizona license/certificate. Inactive status can be requested by any nurse who holds an Arizona license in good standing. After April 1 of a license expiration year, requests to inactivate a license must be made through the Message Center. <p>Applicable statute: A.R.S. §32-1642. Renewal of license or registration; failure to renew F. On written request to the board, the name and license of a licensee in good standing may be transferred to an inactive list. The licensee shall not practice during the time the license is inactive, and renewal fees do not accrue. If an inactive licensee wishes to resume the practice of nursing, the board shall renew the license on satisfactory showing that the licensee is then qualified and competent to practice and on payment of the current renewal fee. The licensee shall also file with the board a verified statement that indicates whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony and, if convicted of one or more felonies, that indicates the date of absolute discharge from the sentences for all felony convictions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For nurses who are retiring or retired. Nurses who hold an active/unrestricted AP/RN/LPN license in a state or territory of the United States are eligible to apply for this status if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They have never had a nursing license revoked or suspended. They are not the subject of an open investigation or unresolved complaint. After April 1 of the expiration year, requests to retire a license must be made through the Message Center. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late or lapsed license occurs after the license is due for renewal on April 1 and before the expiration of the license on August 1. 	<p>If the nurse has not practiced nursing in Arizona since the license has expired, no penalty fee is assessed.</p> <p>Nurses who do not renew by August 1, but continue to practice nursing, will be assessed an administrative penalty for practicing on an expired license.</p> <p>Applicable statute: A.R.S. §32-1642. Renewal of license or registration; failure to renew A. Except as provided in section 32-4301, a registered and practical nurse licensee shall renew the license every four years on or before April 1. If a licensee does not renew the license on or before May 1, the licensee shall pay an additional fee for late renewal as prescribed in section 32-1643. If a licensee does not renew the license on or before August 1, the license expires. It is a violation of this chapter for a person to practice nursing with an expired license. (Results in a penalty if practiced after expired)</p>
Fee	None	None	Applicable Statute: A.R.S. §32-1643. Fees; penalties 7. Application for renewal of a license after expiration, one hundred sixty dollars, plus a late fee of fifty dollars for	None

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			each month a license is lapsed, but not to exceed a total of two hundred dollars.	
Practice Nursing	No- may not practice nursing	No- may only use title retired nurse	Yes, until the license expires	No- may not practice when the license expires
Use the Title Nurse/APRN in Arizona; Known as Title Protection	No- may not use the title "Nurse" in any way	Yes - with the designation of "retired" Applicable statute: A.R.S. §32-1636. Use of titles or abbreviations F. A nurse who is granted retirement status shall not practice nursing but may use the title "registered nurse-retired" or "RN-retired" or "licensed practical nurse-retired" or "LPN-retired", as applicable.	Yes	Not after the license expires
Return to Practice Through Renewal of License	If an Inactive nurse desires to resume nursing practice in Arizona, they must submit a renewal application and meet the 960-hour practice requirement or complete a Board-approved Refresher Course	If a Retired Nurse desires to resume nursing practice in Arizona, they must submit a renewal application and meet the 960-hour practice requirement or complete a Board-approved Refresher Course	N/A (practice is permitted during the lapsed period, and license can simply be renewed)	If a nurse with an expired license desires to resume nursing practice in Arizona, they must submit a renewal application and meet the 960-hour practice requirement or complete a Board-approved Refresher Course