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Frequently Asked Questions
for Advanced Practice Nurse Licenses (APRN) by Migration
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Q: Will I keep my old license number as a Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist, or Nurse Anesthetist?

A: No. You will be issued a new license number after the migration has occurred. Please provide this new license number to any credentialing agencies, employers, insurers, or pharmacies that require your license number.

Q: Do I need an active RN license as well as an APRN license?

A: Yes. If your RI RN license is due to expire you must renew the RN license on line before you can migrate to the new APRN license. The on line renewal information will be sent separately. If you have an active RN license in a compact state please notify us of this at the time you migrate your APRN license.

Q: Can I migrate to the new APRN license online?

A: No. You will be sent a paper APRN migration form.

Q: Can I migrate to the new APRN license any time?

A: No. You may migrate as soon as you receive the APRN migration form. You will only be allowed to migrate until 03/01/2016. If you have not migrated to the new APRN license by that date, you will be required to submit a new APRN license application if you wish to practice as an APRN in Rhode Island. You will not be allowed to migrate using the APRN migration form after 03/01/2016.

Q: What do I check off for a population focus?

A: You must check off the population focus for which you are certified by a national APRN certification organization. If you are not certified but still meet the requirements to be an APRN in Rhode Island, you must check off the population focus that best represents your practice population.

Q: Do I need to apply for the Controlled Substance Registration (CSR)?

A: If you have previously maintained an active RI CSR, you will be allowed to renew it when you migrate to the new APRN license. You must supply a copy of your active DEA certificate which displays a Rhode Island practice address.

If you have never held a RI CSR and wish to apply for one, you must submit the CSR application listing your RI practice address and an additional payment of \$200. Once you have been issued the CSR, you will have sixty (60) days to report your DEA number to us. Please note that only Nurse Practitioners and Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialists are permitted to hold a RI CSR.

Q: Will I have prescriptive privileges?

A: Migration does not change your prescriptive privileges. If you currently have prescriptive privileges, you will be allowed to migrate to an APRN license type that has prescriptive privileges. If you do not currently have prescriptive privileges, you can only migrate to an APRN license type that does not prescribe.

Q: What if my Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist, or Nurse Anesthetist license is not currently active? Can I still migrate?

A: No. If your Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist or Nurse Anesthetist license is not currently active, you must submit a new APRN license application in order to practice in Rhode Island.

FAQ'S WILL BE UPDATED AS NEEDED AND POSTED TO OUR WEBSITE AT
<http://www.health.ri.gov/licensing/healthcare/#nurses>

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