

State of Hawaii
BOARD OF NURSING

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APRNs, RNs and LPNs SELECTED FOR AUDIT FOR THE CONTINUING
COMPETENCY RENEWAL REQUIREMENT**

A random audit by license number was conducted after the 2021 renewal period. A total of approximately 1,800+ nurses were randomly selected and mailed a letter to the address on record. Also, we have posted a list of those nurses randomly selected for the 2021 renewal audit on the Board's website at cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/nursing under *Continuing Competency Information*. This 2021 renewal audit list will be updated periodically to include status of compliance with the continuing competency renewal requirement.

If you check your license status online, you will see that your status is now "CM" – Current, Valid & in Good Standing/Maint. Requirement Due, ***you may still practice under this status*** as this means that you were selected for the continuing competency audit. Your status will return to "C" – Current, Valid & in Good Standing once you have been deemed to have satisfied the continuing competency requirement.

If you received the audit letter, please return it with documentation of your compliance with the continuing competency requirement.

If you do not receive the audit letter but see your name on the list, you are still required to comply with the requirement and submit proof of completion of one of the learning activities, i.e. continuing education ("CE"), etc. or documentation if you meet one of the exemptions.

APRNs with prescriptive authority are being audited for thirty (30) hours of CE, of which at least eight (8) hours must be in pharmacology. Please be advised that you must also submit proof of your current national certification as well.

If you hold both a current LPN and RN license, you may complete one (1) learning activity option. If you hold both an RN and APRN license you need only complete the 30 hours of CE for the APRN prescriptive authority because your national certification qualifies for an exemption for your RN license.

Although you have sixty (60) days upon receipt of notification, we are extending the deadline to submit documentation to show compliance with the continuing competency requirement to **December 31, 2021**. Any mailed in submissions must be post-marked by that date or you will be considered non-compliant with the continuing competency requirement and your Hawaii nurse license may be disciplined.

If you have any questions on the continuing competency learning activity options, we highly recommend that you read through the **Continuing Competency Booklet**, which can be accessed using this link, <https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/files/2013/06/BON-CCG-INFO-2017.pdf> for more information on the learning activity options and exemptions.

Please be advised that you should have already completed a learning activity option between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2021. Please note that one of the conditions to renew your license was to attest that you have completed this requirement. If you did not complete one of the learning activity options or do not qualify for one of the exemptions, then by filing your renewal application, you may have submitted a false attestation of compliance with the continuing competency requirements and your license may be disciplined pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes §457-12.

Due to the high volume of those selected, please refrain from calling or emailing our office or the Board to check on the status. We will do our best to review and update the list on the Board's web page.