

Have you ever been licensed as a Nurse in Florida or another state, jurisdiction or territory of the United States by taking the NCLEX or State Board Test Pool Examination (SBTPE)?

Did you know that you can qualify for licensure by endorsement under section 464.009 (b) Florida Statutes?

**464.009 Licensure by endorsement.--**

(1) The department shall issue the appropriate license by endorsement to practice professional or practical nursing to an applicant who, upon applying to the department and remitting a fee set by the board not to exceed \$100, demonstrates to the board that he or she:

(a) Holds a valid license to practice professional or practical nursing in another state or territory of the United States, provided that, when the applicant secured his or her original license, the requirements for licensure were substantially equivalent to or more stringent than those existing in Florida at that time;

(b) Meets the qualifications for licensure in s. [464.008](#) and has successfully completed a state, regional, or national examination which is substantially equivalent to or more stringent than the examination given by the department; or

(c) Has actively practiced nursing in another state, jurisdiction, or territory of the United States for 2 of the preceding 3 years without having his or her license acted against by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction. Applicants who become licensed pursuant to this paragraph must complete within 6 months after licensure a Florida laws and rules course that is approved by the board. Once the department has received the results of the national criminal history check and has determined that the applicant has no criminal history, the appropriate license by endorsement shall be issued to the applicant.