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INSTRUCTIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE LICENSED NURSES TO OBTAIN A TEMPORARY PRACTICE PERMIT TO AID IN THE COMMONWEALTH'S EMERGENCY DECLARATION RELATED TO COVID-19

- Go to www.pals.pa.gov.
- If this is your first time using PALS, read the instructions under "How do I get started?"
- Once you have created your account or have logged in to your account, scroll to "New Professional License" and click on "Apply for New License."
- Answer the survey questions. Be sure the "Obtained By" indicates "Endorsement."

Board/Commission

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License Type

Registered Nurse ▼

Evaluation results:

Board/Commission: Nursing

License Type: Registered Nurse

Obtained By: Endorsement

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- Click "Next" from the survey.
- Once you have entered the Endorsement application, answer all questions and select YES that you would like to receive a Temporary Practice Permit.
- If you are unable to obtain Criminal History Record Checks (CHRCs) from states other than Pennsylvania due to the pandemic, upload a signed statement that the required CHRCs will be provided when available. Note that a license cannot be issued until all required CHRCs are received. A PA CHRC request will automatically be submitted to the PA State Police when the Endorsement application is submitted to the Board.
- Upon evaluation of your application, you will be emailed a Temporary Practice Permit.
- Before your license can be issued, all other administrative requirements will need to be completed.

Note: If you have ever held a license or Temporary Practice Permit in Pennsylvania, please contact the Board at st-nurse@pa.gov.