

Dear First Name.

After listening to feedback and suggestions from licensees and stakeholders, the Montana Department of Labor & Industry and Board of Nursing are excited to announce a new, streamlined process for renewing your nursing license in 2018 and 2019.

Beginning this year, active status nursing licensees in the state of Montana will be randomly divided into two categories, designated as "Even Year" and "Odd Year" to renew your licenses moving forward. If you are an RN with an APRN license, you will have both licenses placed into the same renewal group.

YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR THE "EVEN YEAR" LICENSING RENEWAL GROUP. YOUR LICENSING RENEWAL WINDOW IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018 THROUGH MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2018.

If your license is currently active, your renewal fee will be reduced to \$50 for this period only. If you are an APRN, your APRN license and prescriptive authority endorsement, if applicable, have similarly reduced fees if in active status.

Please access the online licensing portal at EBiz.mt.gov/pol/ to log in to your online account. Once logged in you should see your license listed without a renew license link.

If you cannot log in or cannot see your license, please email <u>DLIBSDRENEWAL@mt.gov</u> to request your account be connected. Please provide the user name on the account along with the name or license numbers.

Once the renewal period begins Thursday, November 1, 2018, please log back in at EBiz.mt.gov/pol/. After logging in, you should see your license number listed with a blue "Renew License" button.

PLEASE NOTE: The blue "Renew License" button will not appear until Thursday, November 1, 2018.



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Below are further details regarding the "Even Year" licensing renewal group.

- The "Even Year" group will renew as usual beginning Thursday, November 1, 2018 through Monday, December 31, 2018.
- During this renewal window, active status LPN and RN licensees can renew for a reduced fee of \$50 instead of \$100; APRNs have similarly discounted fees.
- Licensees in the "Even Year" group that are in expired status will terminate January 1, 2019.
- Licenses renewed after 12/31/2018 will return to <u>full</u> (not discounted) renewal fee of \$100.00 <u>and</u> incur a late fee of an additional \$100.00.
- Licensees with an RN and APRN license will have both licenses placed into the same renewal group.
- Continuing education requirements remains the same: 24 hours of credit obtained between 1/1/2017 through 12/31/2018.
- This group will continue to renew every two years on the even year schedule with the next renewal fee returning to \$100 in 2020.
- Please confirm and/or update your contact information at <u>EBiz.mt.gov/pol</u> before Thursday, November 1, 2018.

If you have questions or need more information about the new nursing licensing renewal process, there are three ways to contact the Board of Nursing:

- Visit the web site at <u>Nurse.mt.gov</u>;
- Call (406) 841-2300; or
- Email at Nurse@mt.gov.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to streamlining your licensing renewal process and providing an improved customer experience for Montana's nurses.

Sincerely,

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