



Board of Nursing

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Fact Sheet

Nursing Assistant Certification for Out-of-State Endorsement Applicants

- Out of state applicants must meet the Maryland Board of Nursing training program requirements to be eligible for the CNA certification.
- To be considered for endorsement/transfer to Maryland, the out of state candidate must have a CNA certificate that is current, active, and in good standing on the State's Nurse Aide registry that meets the OBRA requirement.
- All out of state applicants who are endorsing/transferring their certificate to Maryland must have state certification free from finding of abuse or neglect with the out of state registry.
- Out of state candidates who are not on any state registry must complete a Maryland Board approved 100 hour training program to be eligible for Maryland certification as a CNA.

Tips to Avoid Delays in Obtaining Certification

The following are common omissions in completing the applications, which cause a delay in obtaining certification.

- Applicant has failed to include the out of state registry certificate/card.
A copy of the current/active CNA can be printed off the out of state Nurse Aide Registry website.
- If you have to answer "yes" to any disciplinary question-please provide your court documents, a statement explaining the events that lead up to the charge, and two character references.
- Applicant fails to provide his/her social security number.
- Applicant fails to provide proof of fingerprinting

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