

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING CARE INSTITUTION ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY MANAGERS

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- 1. This email is being sent per your request for how to start the Manager's Certificate application.
- 2. Go to elicense.az.gov (DO NOT USE A MOBILE PHONE OR A TABLET)
- 3. Click on open your account, click on the correct choice:
 - a. I have a license
 - b. I don't have a license
- 4. You must sign into the licensing portal, fill out the application, and upload the required documents. This information is attached. Any required information that is not provided will delay the application process.
- 5. We do not provide a paper application and the certificate can only be completed in the elicensing format.
- 6. Board staff cannot interpret the application rules for you.

Due to the current software constraints, we are not able to view heic to jpg downloads or any photos sent.

Have the following items scanned into PDF format and ready to upload into your application:

- 1. Passport style photograph
- 2. Caregiver and Manager training certificates
- 3. Verification of licensing from other licensing agencies (if applicable)
- 4. High School diploma or GED
- 5. 2080 hours of verifiable documentation from health-related work
- 6. Character Certification #1
- 7. Character Certification #2
- 8. Completed Statement of Citizenship Form and Photo ID
- 9. Fingerprint Clearance Card- front and back
- 10. Current CPR and Basic First Aid training cards
- 11. 5 years of resident address history

ARTICLE 4

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY MANAGER CERTIFICATION

R4-33-401. Requirements for Initial Certification by Examination

A. Except as provided in subsection (B), an individual who wishes to receive an initial certificate by examination as an assisted living facility manager shall:

- 1. Education:
 - a. Earn a high school diploma or G.E.D, or hold a license in good standing issued under A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 13, 15 or 17 or Article 2
 - b. Complete an assisted living facility caregiver training program that is approved by the Board under Article 7 of this Chapter, and
 - c. Complete an assisted living facility manager training program that is approved by the Board under Article 6 of this Chapter.
- 2. Work experience. Complete at least 2,080 hours of paid work experience in a health-related field within the five years before application;
- 3. Examination. Obtain a score of at least 75 percent on the Arizona examination;
- 4. Training. Complete an adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation and basic first-aid training program;
- 5. Fingerprint clearance card. Have a valid fingerprint clearance card issued under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 12, Article 3.1; and
- 6. Submit all applicable information required under R4-33-403.
- **B.** An individual who holds a license in good standing issued under A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 13, 15, or 17 or 4 A.A.C. 33, Article 2 is exempt from the requirements specified in subsections (A)(1)(b) and (4).

R4-33-402. Requirements for a Temporary Certificate

- **A.** To be eligible for a temporary certificate as an assisted living facility manager, an individual shall:
 - 1. Meet the requirements under R4-33-401 except for the requirement at R4-33-401(3);
 - 2. Have the owner of an assisted living facility that intends to appoint the applicant as manager if the applicant is successful in obtaining a temporary certificate submit to the Board a Letter of Intent to Appoint, on a form that is available from the Board. The owner of the assisted living facility shall include the following in the Letter of Intent to Appoint:
 - a. Name of the owner of the assisted living facility;
 - b. Name and address of the assisted living facility;
 - c. Name of the applicant;
 - d. An affirmation of intent to appoint the applicant;
 - e. Reason for requesting a temporary certificate for the applicant;
 - f. License number of the assisted living facility; and
 - g. Signature of the owner of the assisted living facility affirming the information provided is true and complete;
 - 3. Not have held an Arizona temporary certificate as an assisted living facility manager within the past three years; and
 - 4. Not have failed the Arizona examination before applying for the temporary certificate.
- **B.** At the Board's request, an applicant for a temporary certificate shall appear or be available by telephone for an interview with the Board.
- C. A temporary certificate is valid for 150 days and is not renewable. Before expiration of the temporary certificate, the temporary certificate holder shall obtain a certificate under A.R.S. § 36-446.04 and this Article or discontinue as manager of the assisted living facility.
- **D.** If a temporary certificate holder fails the Arizona examination during the term of the temporary certificate, the temporary certificate is automatically revoked and the former temporary certificate holder shall discontinue as manager of the assisted living facility.

R4-33-403. Initial Application

A. An individual who desires to be certified as a manager of an assisted living facility shall submit the following information to the Board on an application form, which is available from the Board:

- 1. Full name of the applicant;
- 2. Other names that the applicant has used;
- 3. Mailing address of the applicant;
- 4. Home, work, and mobile telephone numbers of the applicant;
- 5. Applicant's date and place of birth;
- 6. Applicant's Social Security number;
- 7. Address of every residence at which the applicant has lived in the last five years;
- 8. Education information regarding the applicant, including:
 - a. Name and location of last high school attended;
 - b. Date of high school graduation or date on which a G.E.D. was earned; and
 - c. Name and address of every accredited college or university attended, dates of attendance, date of graduation, and degree or certificate earned;
- 9. Information regarding professional licenses or certifications currently or previously held by the applicant, including:
 - a. Name of issuing agency;
 - b. License or certificate number;
 - c. Issuing jurisdiction;
 - d. Date on which the license or certificate was first issued;
 - e. Whether the license or certificate is current; and
 - f. Whether the license or certificate is in good standing and if not, an explanation;
- 10. Information regarding the applicant's employment record for the last five years, including:
 - a. Name, address, and telephone number of each employer;
 - b. Title of position held by the applicant;
 - c. Name of applicant's supervisor;
 - d. Dates of employment;
 - e. Number of hours worked each week;
 - f. Whether the employment was full or part time; and
 - g. Reason for termination;
- 11. Whether the applicant was ever denied a professional license or certificate and if so, the kind of license or certificate denied; licensing authority making the denial, and date;
- 12. Whether the applicant ever voluntarily surrendered a professional license or certificate and if so, the kind of license or certificate surrendered, licensing authority, date, and reason for the surrender:
- 13. Whether the applicant ever allowed a professional license or certificate to lapse and if so, the kind of license or certificate that lapsed, licensing authority, date, reason for lapse, and whether the license or certificate was reinstated;
- 14. Whether the applicant ever had a limitation imposed on a professional license or certificate and if so, the kind of license or certificate limited, licensing authority, date, nature of limitation, reason for limitation, and whether the limitation was removed;
- 15. Whether the applicant ever had a professional license or certificate suspended or revoked and if so, the kind of license or certificate suspended or revoked, licensing authority, date, and reason for suspension or revocation:
- 16. Whether the applicant ever was subject to disciplinary action with regard to a professional license or certificate and if so, the kind of license or certificate involved, licensing authority, date, and reason for and nature of the disciplinary action;
- 17. Whether any unresolved complaint against the applicant is pending with a licensing authority, professional association, health care facility, or assisted living facility and if so, the nature of and where the complaint is pending;
- 18. Whether the applicant ever was charged with or convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor, other than a minor traffic violation, in any court and if so, the nature of the offense, jurisdiction, and date of discharge; and
- 19. Whether the applicant ever was pardoned from or had the record expunged of a felony conviction and if so, the nature of the offense, jurisdiction, and date of pardon or expunging.
- **B.** In addition to the application form required under subsection (A), an applicant shall submit or have submitted on the applicant's behalf:
 - 1. Education:

- a. Copy of the applicant's high school diploma or G.E.D., and certificates of completion issued from the training courses described under R4-33-401(A)(1)(b) and (c); or
- b. Copy of the applicant's license issued under A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 13, 15, or 17 or Article 2, and certificate of completion issued from the training course described under R4-33-401(A)(1)(c).
- 2. Documentation of 2,080 hours of paid work experience in a health-related field;
- 3. Copy of current certification in adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid;
- 4. Verification of license that is signed, authenticated by seal or notarization, and submitted directly to the Board by each agency that ever issued a professional license to the applicant;
- 5. "Character Certification" form submitted directly to the Board by two individuals who have known the applicant for at least three years and are not related to, employed by, or employing the applicant;
- 6. For every felony or misdemeanor charge listed under subsection (A)(18), a copy of documents from the appropriate court showing the disposition of each charge;
- 7. For every felony or misdemeanor conviction listed under subsection (A)(18), a copy of documents from the appropriate court showing whether the applicant met all judicially imposed sentencing terms;
- 8. Full-faced photograph of the applicant taken within the last six months;
- 9. Fingerprint clearance card.
 - a. Photocopy of the front and back of the applicant's fingerprint clearance card;
 - b. Proof of submission of an application for a fingerprint clearance card; or
 - c. If denied a fingerprint clearance card, proof that the applicant qualifies for a good-cause exception hearing under A.R.S. § 41-619.55;
- 10. Documentation as described in A.R.S. § 41-1080(A), of U.S. citizenship or alien status indicating presence in the U.S. is authorized under federal law;
- 11. Affirm the information provided in the application is true and complete and authorize others to release information regarding the applicant to the Board; and
- 12. Fees required under R4-33-104(B)(1) and (B)(2).
- C. If required by the Board under A.R.S. § 36-446.03(D), an applicant shall appear before the Board.
- **D.** When the information required under subsections (A) and (B) is received and following an appearance before the Board required under subsection (C), the Board shall provide notice regarding whether the applicant may take the Arizona examination required under R4-33-401(3).
- **E.** Because of the time required for the Board to perform an administrative completeness review under R4-33-103, an applicant shall submit the information required under subsections (A) and (B) at least 30 days before the applicant expects to take the Arizona examination.

R4-33-404. Administration of Examination; Certificate Issuance

- **A.** The Board shall administer the Arizona examination at least twice each year at times and places specified by the Board.
- **B.** The Board shall provide written notice to an applicant regarding whether the applicant passed the Arizona examination.
- C. When an applicant passes the Arizona examination, the Board shall send the applicant a written notice that the Board will issue a certificate to the applicant when the applicant submits to the Board the fee required under R4-33-104(B)(4). If the applicant fails to submit the fee within six months of the Board's notice, the Board shall administratively close the applicant's file. An individual whose file is administratively closed may receive further consideration only by submitting a new application under R4-33-401.

R4-33-405. Renewal Application

- **A.** The Board shall provide a certificate holder with notice of the need for certificate renewal. Failure to receive notice of the need for certificate renewal does not excuse a certificate holder's failure to renew timely.
- **B.** A manager certificate expires at midnight on June 30 of each odd-numbered year.
- **C.** To renew a manager certificate, the certificate holder shall submit the following information to the Board, on or before June 30, on a renewal application, which is available from the Board:
 - 1. Current address;

- 2. Current home and business telephone numbers;
- 3. Whether within the last 24 months the certificate holder was convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to a criminal offense, other than a minor traffic violation, in any court and if so, attach a copy of the original arrest record and final court judgment;
- 4. Whether within the last 24 months the certificate holder was denied a professional license or had a professional license revoked, suspended, placed on probation, limited, or restricted in any way by a state or federal regulatory authority and if so, the kind of license, license number, issuing authority, nature of the regulatory action, and date;
- 5. An affirmation that the number of hours of continuing education required under R4-33-501 has been completed;
- 6. An affirmation that the certificate holder complies with the disclosure requirements under R4-33-408; and
- 7. The certificate holder's dated and notarized signature affirming that the information provided is true and complete.
- **D.** In addition to the renewal application required under subsection (C), a certificate holder shall submit:
 - 1. A photocopy of the front and back of the certificate holder's fingerprint clearance card;
 - 2. Documentation described in A.R.S. § 41-1080(A) unless the documentation previously submitted under R4-33-403(B)(10) established U.S. citizenship or was a non-expiring work authorization issued by the federal government; and
 - 3. The renewal fee required under R4-33-104.
- **E.** An individual whose certificate expires because of failure to renew timely may apply for renewal by complying with subsections (C) and (D) if:
 - 1. The individual complies with subsections (C) and (D) on or before July 31;
 - 2. The individual pays the late renewal fee prescribed under R4-33-104; and
 - 3. The individual affirms that the individual has not acted as an assisted living facility manager since the certificate expired.
- **F.** An individual whose certificate expires because of failure to renew timely and who does not comply with subsection (E) may obtain a manager certificate only by complying with R4-33-401.

R4-33-406. Inactive Status

- **A.** The Board shall place a manager's certificate on inactive status if the manager:
 - 1. Is in good standing in Arizona,
 - 2. Submits a written request to the Board to be placed on inactive status, and
 - 3. Submits evidence that complies with R4-33-501(D) showing that the manager completed one hour of continuing education for each month in the current biennial period before the request to be placed on inactive status.
- **B.** Within seven days after receiving a request to be placed on inactive status, the Board shall provide the manager written confirmation of inactive status.
- C. A manager whose certificate is on inactive status is not required to comply with R4-33-501.
- **D.** An inactive certificate expires under R4-33-405 unless the manager timely submits a renewal application and the fee required under R4-33-104(B)(7).
- **E.** To resume active certificate status, a manager shall:
 - 1. Submit evidence that complies with R4-33-501(D) showing that the manager completed 12 hours of continuing education within the six months before requesting to resume active certificate status,
 - 2. Submit a written request to the Board to resume active certificate status, and
 - 3. Submit the fee required under R4-33-104(B)(4).
- **F.** The Board shall grant a request to resume active certificate status if the requirements of subsection (E) are met. Within seven days after receiving the written request to resume active certificate status, the Board shall send written notice to the manager granting or denying active status.

R4-33-407. Standards of Conduct; Disciplinary Action

A. A manager shall know and comply with all federal and state laws applicable to the operation of an assisted living facility.

- **B.** A manager shall not:
 - 1. Engage in unprofessional conduct as defined at A.R.S. § 36-446;
 - 2. Be addicted to or dependent on the use of narcotics or other drugs, including alcohol;
 - 3. Directly or indirectly permit an owner, officer, or employee of an assisted living facility to solicit, offer, or receive any premium, rebate, or other valuable consideration in connection with furnishing goods or services to residents unless the resulting economic benefit is directly passed to the residents;
 - 4. Directly or indirectly permit an owner, officer, or employee of an assisted living facility to solicit, offer, or receive any premium, rebate, or other valuable consideration for referring a resident to another person or place unless the resulting economic benefit is directly passed to the resident;
 - 5. Willfully permit the unauthorized disclosure of information relating to a resident or a resident's records;
 - 6. Discriminate against a resident or employee on the basis of race, sex, age, religion, disability, or national origin;
 - 7. Misrepresent the manager's qualifications, education, or experience;
 - 8. Aid or abet another person to misrepresent that person's qualifications, education, or experience;
 - 9. Defend, support, or ignore unethical conduct of an employee, owner, or other manager;
 - 10. Engage in any conduct or practice contrary to recognized community standards or ethics of an assisted living facility manager;
 - 11. Engage in any conduct or practice that is or might constitute incompetence, gross negligence, repeated negligence, or negligence that might constitute a danger to the health, welfare, or safety of a resident or the public;
 - 12. Procure or attempt to procure by fraud or misrepresentation a certificate or renewal of a certificate as an assisted living facility manager;
 - 13. Violate a formal order, condition of probation, or stipulation issued by the Board;
 - 14. Commit an act of sexual abuse, misconduct, harassment, or exploitation; or
 - 15. Retaliate against any person who reports in good faith to the Board alleged incompetence or illegal or unethical conduct of any manager.
 - 16. Allow the manager's certificate to be displayed as required under R4-33-108(B) unless the manager has been appointed as specified in R4-33-410; or
 - 17. Manage an assisted living facility in violation of R4-33-411.
- C. The Board shall consider a final judgment or conviction for a felony, an offense involving moral turpitude, or direct or indirect elder abuse as grounds for disciplinary action under A.R.S. § 36-446.07, including denial of a certificate or certificate renewal.
- **D.** A manager who violates any provision of A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 4, Article 6 or this Chapter is subject to discipline under A.R.S. § 36-446.07.

R4-33-408. Referral Requirements

- **A.** A manager who is appointed by an assisted living facility that pays a fee to an individual or entity for referral of a resident to the assisted living facility shall ensure that the assisted living facility:
 - 1. Has on file a contract with the individual or entity making the referral;
 - 2. Maintains a file of the names of the residents referred by the individual or entity; and
 - 3. Obtains at the time of admission and maintains a statement, signed by the resident or the resident's representative or legal guardian, which discloses that:
 - a. A fee was paid for referring the resident to the assisted living facility;
 - b. The resident or the resident's representative or legal guardian was informed of the fee arrangement; and
 - c. The resident or the resident's representative or legal guardian was informed of any ownership interest between the assisted living facility and the individual or entity making the referral.
- **B.** A manger shall maintain the records required under subsection (A)(1) for five years and shall maintain the records required under subsections (A)(2) and (A)(3) for five years after the resident ceases to reside in the assisted living facility.

C. A manager shall make the records required under this Section available for review upon request by the Board.

R4-33-409. Certification following Revocation

An individual who wishes to be certified after the individual's certificate as an assisted living facility manager is revoked shall:

- 1. Not apply for certification until at least 12 months have passed since the revocation; and
- 2. Apply for certification under R4-33-401.

R4-33-410. Notice of Appointment

- **A.** A manager shall provide written notice to the Board, within 30 days, of being appointed manager of an assisted living facility or terminating an appointment.
- **B.** A manager shall include the following, as applicable, in a notice regarding the manager's appointment:
 - 1. Manager's name,
 - 2. Manager's certificate number,
 - 3. Name and address of the assisted living facility to which the manager is appointed,
 - 4. Date of appointment,
 - 5. Name and address of the assisted living facility at which the manager's appointment is terminated, and
 - 6. Date of termination.

R4-33-411. Appointment as Manager of Multiple Assisted Living Facilities

- **A.** An individual certified under R4-33-401 shall not be appointed to manage more than two assisted living facilities at one time.
- **B.** A individual certified under R4-33-401 who is appointed to manage two assisted living facilities shall:
 - 1. Ensure that the two assisted living facilities are no more than 25 miles apart;
 - 2. Designate in writing one or more individuals who are on the assisted living facility premises and accountable for the services provided at the assisted living facility when the appointed certified manager is not on the assisted living facility premises. A designated individual shall:
 - a. Be at least 21 years old;
 - b. Be a caregiver with at least three years' experience as a caregiver or hold a temporary certificate issued under R4-33-402; and
 - c. Never have had licensure or certification suspended or revoked by the Board;
 - 3. Ensure that the name of the designated individual is conspicuously displayed at all times in a manner that informs those seeking assistance who is accountable for the services provided;
 - 4. Place the written notice of designation required under subsection (B)(2) in the personnel file of the individual designated; and
 - 5. Be available to the individual designated under subsection (B)(2) by telephone or electronically within 60 minutes.

R4-33-412. Repealed