**20:48:03:01.  Application for licensure by examination.** A graduate of a board-approved school of nursing seeking licensure by examination or the applicant for licensure by examination who meets requirements by equivalency must submit an application on a form provided by the board. Each applicant for licensure by examination must submit a set of fingerprints on a standard card provided by the board for the purpose of obtaining a state and federal criminal background check through the Division of Criminal Investigation. An authorization and release form must be signed by the applicant authorizing the release of the criminal history record to the board. The fingerprint card, authorization and release form, and fee for the criminal background check must accompany the application for licensure. The applicant must schedule and complete the computerized licensure examination within ninety days after notification by the board that eligibility to test is granted. The application must show that the applicant meets the legal requirements for licensing and must be accompanied by the fee as required in chapter 20:48:06.

 **Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 3 SDR 35, effective November 11, 1976; 6 SDR 88, effective March 3, 1980; 9 SDR 151, effective May 30, 1983; 12 SDR 109, effective January 9, 1986; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; 20 SDR 143, effective December 26, 1993, and February 16, 1994; 33 SDR 43, effective September 12, 2006.

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