

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO §214.4 AND §215.4 RELATING TO  
BOARD APPROVAL OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR LONGER THAN ONE YEAR**

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Consider the proposed amendments to §214.4 and §215.4 relating to Board approval of nursing education programs for longer than one year.

**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

- The Sunset Advisory Commission Report to the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislature, May 2007, under Recommendations, Management 1.9 states "The Board should approve nursing education programs for a period longer than one year."
- On August 28, 2007, the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) met, discussed the issues involved with extending the Board's current ongoing approval processes, and determined that Board staff should develop a plan moving to biennial approval for programs approved by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) and incorporate into the plan an annual data survey and a biennial compliance audit from programs requiring ongoing Board approval and survey visits every six years.

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGES:**

- §214.4 Approval.
  - (a) The progressive designation of approval status is not implied by the order of the following listing. Approval status is based upon each program's performance and demonstrated compliance to the Board's requirements and response to the Board's recommendations. Change from one status to another is based on NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates, ~~annual reports~~ compliance audits, survey visits, and other factors listed under §214.4(b). Types of approval include:
    - (c) Approval procedures. Approval status is determined ~~annually~~ biennially by the Board on the basis of the program's ~~annual report~~ compliance audit, NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate, and other pertinent data.
      - (1) Review of ~~annual report~~ compliance audit. Each approved vocational nursing educational program shall submit an ~~annual report~~ a biennial audit regarding its compliance with the Board's legal and educational requirements.
    - (d)(3) A written report of the survey visit, ~~annual report~~ compliance audit, and NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate shall be reviewed by the Board biennially at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- §215.4 Approval.
  - (a) The progressive designation of approval status is not implied by the order of the following listing. Approval status is based upon each program's performance and demonstrated compliance to the Board's requirements and responses to the Board's recommendations. Change from one status to another is based on NCLEX-RN® examination

pass rates, ~~annual reports~~ compliance audits, survey visits, and other factors listed under 215.4(b). Types of approval include:

(c) Approval procedures. Approval status is determined ~~annually~~ biennially by the Board on the basis of the program's ~~annual report~~ compliance audit, NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, and other pertinent data.

(1) Review of ~~annual report~~ compliance audit. Each approved professional pre-licensure nursing educational program shall submit ~~an annual report~~ a biennial audit regarding its compliance with the Board's legal and educational requirements.

**PROS AND CONS:**

**Pros -**

The proposed amendments to §214.4 and §215.4 address and operationalize the intent of the Sunset Advisory Commission's Recommendation, Management Action 1.9, that the Board should approve nursing education programs for a period longer than one year.

**Cons -**

None noted.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Board staff propose amendments to §214.4 and §215.4 addressing implementation of biennial approval for programs approved by the Texas BON that incorporate an annual data survey and a biennial compliance audit from programs requiring ongoing Board approval and survey visits every six years.

- The motion to approve the proposed amendment to §214.4 relating to Board approval of nursing education programs for longer than one year will be included as part of Agenda Item 7.10.12.
- The motion to approve the proposed amendment to §215.4 Board approval of nursing education programs for longer than one year will be included as part of Agenda Item 7.10.13.