

Reciprocity FAQ

Q: How long does it take for a Reciprocity application to be processed?

A: Reciprocity applications are processed within 15 days of receipt of the completed application.

Q: Is there a fee for Reciprocity?

A: No. There is no fee for direct reciprocity.

Q: If I am certified as a Nurse Aide in another state and was previously certified as a Nurse Aide in Massachusetts can I still submit a reciprocity application?

A: No. Once you are on the Massachusetts Nurse Aide Registry you cannot be granted Reciprocity. You must renew your certification through employment or retake the state test.

Q: Who fills out the Reciprocity Application?

A: You, the candidate, fills out the top half of the form including a signature and date. The Nurse Aide Registry of the state you are coming from fills out the Confirmation information in the second section then returns the form to you to be submitted.

Q: Can I apply for reciprocity if my license has expired in another state?

A: No. You must either renew your license in the state you are coming from or apply to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for eligibility to sit for the State Test. Please see candidate guide and testing FAQ for more information.

Q: Can I fax or email my Reciprocity Application?

A: No. You must submit your application and verification together in the mail.

Q: What if my state cannot provide verification?

A: There are only five states which do not provide written verification; California, Louisiana, Colorado, North Carolina and Missouri. To obtain reciprocity from one of those states, complete the Application Information and Current Registry Information sections of the application and return to ARC Testing office at the address on the form for further processing.