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Austin Fast  
Email: [afast@npr.org](mailto:afast@npr.org)

**RE: 09/23/2021 FOAA Request pertaining to all applicants for RN and LPN licenses from Jan. 1, 2019, until the date the request is processed.**

Dear Mr. Fast:

Please find the Maine State Board of Nursing's response to your Freedom of Access Act (FOAA) request to produce public documents in the above matter. I am providing the requested documents electronically in two excel spreadsheets (attached).

Please note the following when reviewing the attachments:

- The Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") does not issue temporary licenses. As allowed by statute, the Board may issue 90-day authorization to practice letters while awaiting certain required documentation (e.g., criminal background check results, etc.) The "days to licensure" does not extrapolate the days an applicant may be working on a 90-day authorization.
- Applicants renewing a license are renewed automatically when they complete the on-line renewal. Typically, if an applicant cannot renew on-line and is instructed to call the Board it is because they are not eligible to renew the license (primary state of residence is in another nurse compact state).
- The applicants that are "outliers" (large amount of days from initial application to licensure) include reasons such as numerous attempts to pass the NCLEX exam; delay in changing primary state of residence, application abandoned after 2 years, delay in completing criminal background check, failure to timely submit required documents, etc.
- The date when all documents are received is the date of licensure.

If you have any questions about the materials we have produced, please do not hesitate to contact me at 207-287-1146 or [veronica.cochrane@maine.gov](mailto:veronica.cochrane@maine.gov).



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Veronica Cochrane', with a stylized, looping flourish.

Veronica Cochrane  
Complaint Coordinator

cc: Katie Johnson, Assistant Attorney General  
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