

Subject: DOH Public Records Center :: R044254-092321
Date: Friday, December 10, 2021 at 10:58:26 Mountain Standard Time
From: WA State DOH Records Center
To: Austin Fast

--- Please respond above this line ---



Reference # [R044254-092321](#).

Dear Austin Fast,

The Department of Health received a public information request from you on September 23, 2021. Your request mentioned:

"Sept. 23, 2021

Dear public records custodian:

Under Washington's open records law, I am requesting on behalf of myself and National Public Radio the following public records from Connecticut's board of nursing pertaining to all applicants for RN and LPN licenses from Jan. 1, 2019, until the date this request is processed:

In electronic spreadsheet format (.csv, Excel, .txt, etc.) records containing but not limited to the following information:

- Name of applicant (first, middle, last)
- City of residence
- State of residence
- License type: RN or LPN
- License duration: Temporary or permanent
- Application type, e.g.:
 - o Initial licensure by examination
 - o Initial licensure by reciprocity/endorsement
 - o Renewal of license
 - o Reactivation of license
 - o Reinstatement of license, etc.
- Date of initial application submission
- Date when all required application documents received, if later than initial application date
- License/application status as of date this request is processed (e.g., active, pending, denied, etc.)
- License issue date (if approved as of date this request is processed)
- License expiration date (if approved as of date this request is processed)

If you are not the proper recipient for this type of request within your office, please let me know to whom I should direct this request as soon as possible.

Please inform me of the cost for gathering and copying these records beforehand. As an employee of National Public Radio, a nonprofit news organization, I can assure you this information is not being sought for commercial purposes. Therefore, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of nurse licensure nationwide as nursing shortages and the COVID-19 pandemic continue.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

This information is time-sensitive, so I would ask for a prompt response to this request. If you expect a significant delay in responding to or in fulfilling this request, please contact me at (419) 860-5390 or by email at afast@npr.org with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records. You can also communicate with anyone in NPR's Legal Department, including Micah Ratner (mratner@npr.org) or Jeff Guo (jguo@npr.org).

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Austin Fast
afast@npr.org
419-860-5390"

Records identified as responsive to your public records request have been uploaded to the [DOH Public Records Center](#). Your file(s) will be available for 60 days, after which they will be no longer accessible. Per RCW 42.56.350 (2) the current residential address and current residential telephone number of a health care provider are exempt from disclosure.

- o Initial licensure by examination
- o Initial licensure by reciprocity/endorsement
- o Renewal of license
- o Reactivation of license
- o Reinstatement of license, etc.

Per WAC 44-14-04003 (6) No duty to create records, we do not have anything containing the above highlighted information.

Since all identified records have been provided to you, this request is considered closed.

NOTE: Pop-up Blockers on your web browser will need to be disabled to download files from this site.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to respond directly to this email.

Sincerely,

KAITLIN NIELSEN
Washington State Department of Health
Health Systems Quality Assurance
Public Records

