

WAC 246-840-230 Continuing competency audit process and compliance. (1) The commission shall conduct a compliance audit:

(a) On all late renewals if continuing competency requirements under WAC 246-840-220(2) are due;

(b) Through random selection; and

(c) At the discretion of the commission, on nurses under the disciplinary process.

(2) The commission will notify a nurse selected for compliance audit at the address on record with the department. For a nurse selected randomly, notification will be sent with the renewal notice.

(3) The nurse must submit continuing education in clock hours.

(4) When the nurse is unable to document compliance with WAC 246-840-220, technical assistance may be provided.

(5) If the nurse is unable to provide the required documentation of compliance with WAC 246-840-220, the nurse may elect to:

(a) Place his or her license on inactive status as outlined in WAC 246-840-120;

(b) Let his or her license expire;

(c) Request an extension under WAC 246-840-240;

(d) Enter into an agreement, on a form provided by the commission, to complete a minimum of one hundred seventy-seven hours of active nursing practice and fifteen hours of continuing nursing education within one year. A compliance audit will be conducted at the end of the year to ensure compliance with the agreement.

(6) Failure to complete the required hours and provide the required documentation, or intentional deceit, fraud, or misconduct in reporting continuing competency may result in discipline for unprofessional conduct under RCW 18.130.180.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.110 and 43.70.442. WSR 16-04-097, § 246-840-230, filed 2/1/16, effective 3/3/16.]