

Provisions of Connecticut General Statutes
Nursing Home Administrator Licensing

Sec. 19a-511. (Formerly Sec. 19-591). Nursing home administrators to supervise homes. Definitions. As used in sections 19a-511 to 19a-520, inclusive, "nursing home" means an institution licensed under this chapter and "nursing home administrator" means the person in general administrative charge of a nursing home. All nursing homes licensed under this chapter shall be under the supervision of a licensed nursing home administrator.

Sec. 19a-512. (Formerly Sec. 19-593). Licensure by examination. Minimum requirements. (a) In order to be eligible for licensure by examination pursuant to sections 19a-511 to 19a-520, inclusive, a person shall submit an application, together with a fee of two hundred dollars, and proof satisfactory to the Department of Public Health that he (1) is physically and emotionally capable of administering a nursing home; (2) has satisfactorily completed a program of instruction and training, including residency training which meets the requirements of subsection (b) of this section and which is approved by the Commissioner of Public Health; and (3) has passed an examination prescribed and administered by the Department of Public Health designed to test the applicant's knowledge and competence in the subject matter referred to in subsection (b) of this section. Passing scores shall be established by the department.

(b) Minimum education and training requirements for applicants for licensure are as follows:

(1) Each person other than an applicant for renewal, applying prior to February 1, 1985, shall have completed: (A) A program so designed as to content and so administered as to present sufficient knowledge of the needs to be properly served by nursing homes, laws and regulations governing the operation of nursing homes and the protection of the interest of patients therein and the elements of good nursing home administration, or presented evidence satisfactory to the Department of Public Health of sufficient education and training in the foregoing fields; and (B) a one-year residency period under the joint supervision of a duly licensed nursing home administrator in an authorized nursing home and an accredited institution of higher education, approved by said department, which period may correspond to one academic year in such accredited institution. The supervising administrator shall submit such reports as may be required by the department on the performance and progress of such administrator-in-training, on forms provided by the department. This subdivision shall not apply to any person who has successfully completed a program of study for a master's degree in nursing home administration or in a related health care field and who has been awarded such degree from an accredited institution of higher learning.

(2) Each such person applying on or after February 1, 1985, in addition to the requirements of subdivision (1), shall either (A) have a baccalaureate degree in any area and have completed a course in long-term care administration approved by the department or (B) have a master's degree in long-term care administration or in a related health care field approved by the commissioner.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the Department of Public Health shall renew the license of any person licensed as a nursing home administrator on July 1, 1983.

Sec. 19a-513. (Formerly Sec. 19-594). Licensure by endorsement. In order to be eligible for licensure by endorsement pursuant to sections 19a-511 to 19a-520, inclusive, a person shall submit an application for endorsement licensure on a form provided by the department, together with a fee of two hundred dollars, and meet the following requirements: (1) Have completed preparation in another jurisdiction equal to that required in this state; (2) hold a license as a nursing home administrator by examination in another state; and (3) be a currently practicing competent practitioner in a state whose licensure requirements are substantially similar to or higher than those of this state. No license shall be issued under this section to any applicant against whom disciplinary action is pending or who is the subject of an unresolved complaint.

Sec. 19a-514. (Formerly Sec. 19-595). Issuance of administrator's license. Nontransferable. The Commissioner of Public Health shall issue a license as a nursing home administrator to any applicant meeting the requirements for licensure as specified in sections 19a-511 to 19a-520, inclusive. A nursing home administrator's license shall be nontransferable.

Sec. 19a-515. (Formerly Sec. 19-596). License renewal. Continuing education requirement. (a) Each nursing home administrator's license issued pursuant to the provisions of sections 19a-511 to 19a-520, inclusive, shall be renewed once every two years, in accordance with section 19a-88, except for cause, by the Department of Public Health, upon forms to be furnished by said department and upon the payment to said department, by each applicant for license renewal, of the sum of two hundred dollars. Each such fee shall be remitted to the Department of Public Health on or before the date prescribed under section 19a-88. Such renewals shall be granted unless said department finds the applicant has acted or failed to act in such a manner or under such circumstances as would constitute grounds for suspension or revocation of such license.

(b) Each licensee shall complete a minimum of forty hours of continuing education every two years. Such two-year period shall commence on the first date of renewal of the licensee's license after January 1, 2004. The continuing education shall be in areas related to the licensee's practice. Qualifying continuing education activities are courses offered or approved by the Connecticut Association of Healthcare Facilities, the Connecticut Association of Not-For-Profit Providers for the Aging, the Connecticut Assisted Living Association, the Connecticut Alliance for Subacute Care, the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Health Care Administrators, the Association For Long Term Care Financial Managers or any accredited college or university, or programs presented or approved by the National Continuing Education Review Service of the National Association of Boards of Examiners of Long Term Care Administrators, or by federal or state departments or agencies.

(c) Each licensee shall obtain a certificate of completion from the provider of the continuing education for all continuing education hours that are successfully completed and shall retain such certificate for a minimum of three years. Upon request by the department, the licensee shall submit the certificate to the department. A licensee who fails to comply with the continuing education requirements shall be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to section 19a-517.

(d) The continuing education requirements shall be waived for licensees applying for licensure renewal for the first time. The department may, for a licensee who has a medical disability or illness, grant a waiver of the continuing education requirements for a specific period of time or may grant the licensee an extension of time in which to fulfill the requirements.

Sec. 19a-516. (Formerly Sec. 19-597). Temporary license. Section 19a-516 is repealed.

Sec. 19a-517. (Formerly Sec. 19-598). Unacceptable conduct. Notice. Hearing. Revocation or suspension of license. Appeal. (a) The Department of Public Health shall have jurisdiction to hear all charges of unacceptable conduct brought against any person licensed to practice as a nursing home administrator and, after holding a hearing, written notice of which shall be given to such person, said department, if it finds that any grounds for action by the department enumerated in subsection (b) of this section exist, may take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17. Such notice shall be given, and such hearing conducted, as provided in the regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Public Health. Any person aggrieved by the finding of the department may appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183, and such appeal shall have precedence over nonprivileged cases in respect to order of trial.

(b) The department may take action under section 19a-17 for any of the following reasons: (1) The license holder has employed or knowingly cooperated in fraud or material deception in order to obtain his license or has engaged in fraud or material deception in the course of professional services or activities; (2) the license holder is suffering from physical or mental illness, emotional disorder or loss of motor skill, including but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process, or is suffering from the abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals; (3) illegal incompetent or negligent conduct in his practice; or (4) violation of any provision of this chapter or any regulation adopted hereunder. The Commissioner of Public Health may order a license holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental examination if his physical or mental capacity to practice safely is being investigated. Said commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17.

Sec. 19a-518. (Formerly Sec. 19-599). Penalty. No person shall act as a nursing home administrator unless such person has been licensed as a nursing home administrator under the provisions of sections 19a-511 to 19a-520, inclusive. Any person who violates this section or who wilfully makes false

representation to the Department of Public Health shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than six months or both. The department shall cause to be presented, to the prosecuting officer having jurisdiction, evidence of any violation of any provision of said sections.

Sec. 19a-519. (Formerly Sec. 19-600). Regulations. Programs of instruction and training. (a) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, with respect to standards for: (1) Approval of institutions of higher education, (2) course or degree requirements, or both, for licensing and renewal of licenses, which requirements shall include, but not be limited to, nursing home administration, management behavior, financial management, business administration, psychosocial behavior and gerontology, (3) the residency training program and (4) reinstatement of individuals who fail to renew their licenses upon expiration, as provided in section 19a-515, to carry out the provisions of sections 19a-511 to 19a-520, inclusive.

(b) The Commissioner of Public Health may make provision for one or more programs of instruction and training sufficient to meet the requirements of sections 19a-511 to 19a-520, inclusive, considering the accessibility of such programs to residents of this state, if he finds there are not a sufficient number of approved courses conducted in this state.

Sec. 19a-520. (Formerly Sec. 19-601). Changes in regulations to meet federal requirements. The Commissioner of Public Health may make such changes in the rules and regulations adopted under this chapter, as will enable them to conform with federal statutes and regulations relating to licensure of nursing home administrators, subject to the provisions of chapter 54.