

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an individual shall be licensed by the Board before the individual may practice as a nursing home administrator in this State.

(b) (1) [If] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF a licensee leaves or is removed from a position as a nursing home administrator by death or for any other unexpected cause, the owner of the nursing home or other appropriate nursing home authority [may designate an acting nursing home administrator, who may serve in that capacity without a license for not more than 90 days] SHALL IMMEDIATELY DESIGNATE A LICENSED NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR TO SERVE IN THAT CAPACITY.

(2) (I) IN THE EVENT A LICENSED NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR IS NOT AVAILABLE, THE OWNER OR OTHER APPROPRIATE NURSING HOME AUTHORITY MAY APPOINT A NONLICENSED PERSON TO SERVE IN THE CAPACITY OF ACTING NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 90 DAYS.

(II) THE OWNER OR OTHER APPROPRIATE NURSING HOME AUTHORITY SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE BOARD OF THE APPOINTMENT AND FORWARD THE CREDENTIALS OF THE PERSON APPOINTED TO THE BOARD FOR EVALUATION TO ASSURE THAT THE PERSON APPOINTED IS EXPERIENCED, TRAINED, AND COMPETENT.

[(2)](III) The 90-day period begins on the date that the licensee leaves or is removed from the position as a nursing home administrator.

[(3)](IV) The Board may extend the 90-day period for a further period of not more than 30 days.

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(a) To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

(b) The applicant shall be of good moral character.

(c) The applicant shall be at least 18 years old.

(d) (1) The applicant shall:

(i) 1. Have a baccalaureate or masters degree in health care administration from an accredited college or university; or

2. A. Have a baccalaureate or masters degree in a field other than health care administration from an accredited college or university; and

B. Have satisfactorily completed a minimum of 100 hours in a course of study in health care administration [, or its equivalent,] approved by the Board; and

(ii) 1. Have completed an administrator-in-training program approved by the Board; or