



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 114
[2013 Senate Bill 337]

Professional Credentials

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

The Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) and various boards under DSPS administer Wisconsin's professional credentialing laws. Under **prior law**, for many credentials, a candidate was required to complete postsecondary education or other training to be eligible to sit for the examination for the credential.

2013 Wisconsin Act 114 prohibits DSPS, or a board under DSPS, from requiring a person to complete postsecondary education or another training program before the person is eligible to take an examination for a credential. However, an applicant for licensure as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse must receive approval from the applicant's school of nursing in order to take the licensure examination before graduation. Furthermore, the Act creates an exception from the prohibition for the examination for a real estate appraiser certification or license issued by the Real Estate Appraisers Board. Before submitting an application for a licensed or certified real estate appraiser credential, an individual must successfully complete the requisite number of education hours required by rule.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS BY THE BOARD OF NURSING

The Board of Nursing has the authority to conduct disciplinary proceedings and to revoke, limit, suspend, or deny the renewal of a license or certificate granted by the board for certain types of misconduct, subject to rules promulgated by the board. **The Act** provides that the board may also deny the initial license or certificate of an applicant for certain types of misconduct, subject to rules promulgated by the board.

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.

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