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Amnesty Period Announced for Nurses with Lapsed Licenses

Initiative offers temporary relief from penalties to encourage license renewal amidst new fee schedule implementation

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The Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure has declared an amnesty period for nurses holding inactive or lapsed licenses during the last two renewal cycles, a move coinciding with the introduction of a new fee schedule effective January 2024.

This amnesty, extending through April 30, 2024, is designed to encourage nurses to renew their licenses without facing the full financial penalties typically associated with lapsed credentials.

Following the amnesty period, the board will impose the following licensing fees:

- RN (Registered Nurse) Renewal: \$175
- APRN (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse) Renewal: \$215
- LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) Renewal: \$150
- CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) Renewal: \$100
- Application Fee for Renewing Lapsed Active Status: \$250
- Application Fee for Renewing Lapsed Inactive Status: \$300

Additionally, nurses seeking to reactivate their licenses will be subject to a lapse fee for each year their license has been inactive, plus a late administrative fee of \$100. The Nurse Practice Act categorizes practicing with a lapsed license as illegal, exposing nurses to potential legal consequences.

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