State of Illinois
Illinois Department of Public Health

Foreign LPN or RN Application to Become an Illinois Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)

All information requested on this application must be provided before you will be evaluated. (Please type or print legibly)

Today's Date _____

Name _____ (First, Full Middle and Last)

Address _____ (Street, Apartment #, P. O. Box)

_____ (City, State, ZIP Code)

Email _____ Social Security Number _____

Telephone _____ Date of Birth _____

State(s) where you have been certified as a CNA _____

Name used when certified _____
If your current name is different from the name you used when you were certified, please attach a copy of the legal document(s) used to change your name (i.e. marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc.) and a copy of your driver's license or other picture identification.

Maiden name or other names by which you have been known _____

Other states where you have lived or worked _____

I understand that the information requested regarding sex, race, height, eye color and date of birth is for the sole purpose of identification and gathering the background check information. This information will not be used to discriminate against me in violation of the law.

☐ Male ☐ Female Race _____ Height _____ Eye Color _____
(Enter a letter from below)

- **A** Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Korean, Polynesian, Indian, Indonesian, Asian Indian, Samoan, or any other Pacific Islander
- **B** Black or African American (Not Hispanic or Latino)
- **H** Hispanic or Latino (Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin)
- **I** American Indian, Eskimo, or Alaskan native, or a person having origins in any of the 48 contiguous states of the United States or Alaska who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition
- **U** Of undetermined race or of untold mixture
- **W** Caucasian (not Hispanic or Latino)

Have you ever had an administrative finding of abuse, neglect or theft? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes," indicate in what state this finding was issued _____

PHOTOCOPIES OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM:

- LPN or RN diploma or other proof of completing a nursing program, translated into English
- Official transcript, translated into English. **The transcript must include the number of clinical hours of training received for each course.**
- Copy of Social Security Card
- Are you a U.S. citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No **(If no, attach proof of employment authorization, such as a copy of your Resident Alien Card, U.S. Visa, or form I-94)**

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I hereby authorize the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Department's designee that trains or tests health care workers, a staffing agency, or the health care employer to request a fingerprint-based criminal history records check submitted as a fee applicant inquiry requested by the Department. I further authorize the Illinois State Police (ISP) to release information relative to the existence or nonexistence of any criminal record which it might have concerning me to the requestor solely to determine my suitability for employment or continued employment. I further authorize any agency that maintains records relating to me, including but not limited to the Federal Bureau of Investigation or a local unit of government, to provide same on request to the ISP or the Department. I certify that the ISP and any agency, including the Department, their employees or officers who furnish this information shall be held harmless from any and all liability which may be incurred as a result of releasing such information. I further acknowledge that a health care employer shall not be liable for the failure to hire or retain an applicant or employee who has been convicted of committing or attempting to commit one or more of the offenses stated in the Health Care Worker Background Check Act (225 ILCS 46/25).

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense, other than a minor traffic violation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes," provide the circumstance surrounding each offense (what happened, how many years have passed since the offense, the individuals involved, your age at the time of the offense, and any other circumstances surrounding the offense) as well as the state in which you were convicted. If you have been convicted in another state, you must provide information concerning those convictions or attach the complete results of a criminal history records check from that state. If you have a federal conviction, you must provide information concerning that conviction or attach the complete results of a criminal history records check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. If more space is needed, please attach additional pages. Do not include convictions that have been expunged, sealed or was a juvenile adjudication.

I certify that the above is true and correct and give my consent for my name to appear on the Department's Health Care Worker Registry with the results of my criminal history records check.

_____ _____

Signature Date

As the parent or guardian of the above named individual, who is younger than the age of 17, I give my consent for this named individual to have a criminal history records check.

_____ _____

Signature Date

Email this completed form and required supporting documentation in portable document file (pdf) format to dph.bnatp@illinois.gov or fax to 217-524-3479

A facsimile or photographic copy of this authorization will be as valid as the original.

If you meet Illinois' CNA requirements, directions to register for the written competency exam will be e-mailed to you at the above address. Otherwise, you will be sent written notification stating that you do not meet the requirements. You will be allowed three opportunities to pass the written competency exam within 12 months after your application has been approved; failure to pass will require you to complete a CNA program before taking the written competency exam again. Upon successful completion of the competency exam, you will be placed on the Health Care Worker Registry, which is the state's registry for CNAs. You may view the registry at http://www.idph.state.il.us/nar/home.htm. Illinois does not issue any credentials or certificates to CNAs.

Incomplete applications will be returned to the address provided.

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Health Care Worker Registry, 525 W. Jefferson St., Fourth Floor, Springfield, IL 62761

Phone 844-789-3676 Fax 217-524-0137 E-mail dph.bnatp@illinois.gov

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