



## UPDATED FEES FOR APPLICANTS, LICENSEES, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDERS

Senate Bill 1480 (Hill), signed by the Governor, updated the fees paid by applicants, new licensees, current licensees, and continuing education providers for both Vocational Nursing (VN) and Psychiatric Technicians (PT). The new fees are effective January 1, 2019. These updates are necessary to maintain the BVNPT's operational budget and better reflect the costs associated with the various operational functions of the BVNPT.

Below is a highlight of the various changes:

### 1. Applicants

APPLICATION TYPE	PREVIOUS FEE	NEW FEE (EFF. 01/01/2019)
VN Exam applicant (California VN School graduate)	\$150.00	\$220.00
VN Exam applicant (Equivalent Education/Experience)	\$150.00	\$250.00
PT Exam applicant (California PT School graduate)	\$150.00	\$265.00
PT Exam applicant (Equivalent Education/Experience)	\$150.00	\$295.00
VN & PT applicant for licensure by Endorsement	\$150.00	\$220.00
Application for Re-Examination (VN)	\$150.00	\$220.00
Application for Re-Examination (PT)	\$150.00	\$265.00
Interim Permit (VN)	\$40.00	\$20.00
Interim Permit (PT)	\$20.00	\$20.00 (no change)

One of the biggest changes in the new BVNPT fee structure is the cost of processing *Applications for Licensure by Examination*. The BVNPT conducted a time study to determine the amount of time it takes to approve an *Application for Licensure by Examination* and determined that it takes less time to approve an application from a graduate of a California VN or PT school program than it takes to approve an application for licensure by equivalent education/experience. Therefore, the fee is slightly higher to approve an *Application for Licensure by Examination* for applicants who qualify under the equivalent education/experience method.

PTs will pay a slightly higher initial examination and re-examination fee than the VNs. This differential reflects the fact that the BVNPT pays the fees associated with the PT examination including the development of the PT examination. VN applicants pay these associated fees to Pearson Vue directly. The BVNPT will continue to pay PSI for PT applicants to take the PT examination while the VN applicants will continue to pay Pearson Vue to take the VN examination.

## 2. New Licensees

APPLICATION TYPE	PREVIOUS FEE	NEW FEE (EFF. 01/01/2019)
Initial License Fee (VN)	\$150.00	\$220.00
Initial License Fee (PT)	\$300.00	\$220.00

The initial license fee will be increased for new VNs from \$150.00 to \$220.00, but the fee for new PTs will be decreasing from \$300.00 to \$220.00. This change reflects the amount of time needed to complete the initial licensing process for VNs and PTs. A time study determined that it takes the same amount of time to process a VN & PT Initial License Fee application.

## 3. Current Licensees

APPLICATION TYPE	PREVIOUS FEE	NEW FEE (EFF. 01/01/2019)
Renewal Fee (VN)	\$150.00 (+\$5 VN fund per \$2895.5)	\$220.00 (+\$5 VN fund per \$2895.5)
Renewal Fee (PT)	\$300.00	\$220.00
Renewal Delinquent Fee (VN)	\$75.00	\$110.00
Renewal Delinquent Fee (PT)	\$150.00	\$110.00
Verification to Another State (VN)	\$75.00	\$100.00
Verification to Another State (PT)	\$20.00	\$20.00
Blood Withdrawal Certification (VN) Intravenous Certification (VN) Intravenous with Blood Withdrawal Certification (VN)	No charge	\$20.00
Blood Withdrawal Certification (PT)	\$20.00	\$20.00 (no change)
Duplicate Wall Certificate (previously pocket license)	\$25.00	\$25.00 (no change)

### *Renewal Fees:*

The renewal fee for VNs will increase from \$150.00 to \$220.00, but the renewal fee for PTs will decrease from \$300.00 to \$220.00. As noted above, the change in renewal fees reflect the amount of time needed to complete the licensing renewal process. The renewal process is similar for a VN and a PT. The PT fee was originally higher because it reflected the fees the BVNPT was paying for PT examinations, however, with this fee amendment, the BVNPT will start charging PT applicants the examination fee rather than the licensees.

In accordance with Business and Professions Code, Division 2, Chapter 6.5, Article, 6, §2895.5, the BVNPT continues to collect an additional \$5 to credit the Vocational Nurses Education Fund.

### *Renewal Delinquent Fees:*

In accordance with Business and Professions Code, Division 1, Chapter 2, §163.5, the Board has previously and will continue to charge a delinquent fee equal to 50% of the Renewal fee.

### *Verification of CA Licensure to Another State Fees:*

After the time study, the BVNPT determined that the fee for an application to verify California licensure to another state should increase from \$75.00 to \$100.00 for VNs. The fee for PTs did not change, as this service is seldom needed.

*Intravenous Therapy (IV), Blood Withdrawal (BW), and Intravenous Therapy with Blood Withdrawal (IV/BW Combo) Fees:*

The BVNPT will begin charging VNs \$20.00 to add IV, BW, or IV/BW certifications to their existing license. PTs will continue to pay this fee to add BW to their existing license.

**4. Continuing Education Providers**

<b>APPLICATION TYPE</b>	<b>PREVIOUS FEE</b>	<b>NEW FEE (EFF. 01/01/2019)</b>
<b>Vocational Nurses</b>		
Approval of an Intravenous (IV), Blood Withdrawal (BW), or IV with BW course provider	No Charge	\$150
Continuing approval of an Intravenous Therapy (IV), Blood Withdrawal (BW), or IV with BW course provider	No Charge	\$150
Approval of a Continuing Education Course Provider	\$200	\$150
Continuing approval of a Continuing Education Course Provider	\$200	\$150
<b>Psychiatric Technicians</b>		
Approval of a Blood Withdrawal (BW) course provider	\$150	\$150 (no change)
Continuing approval of a Blood Withdrawal (BW) course provider	\$150	\$150 (no change)
Approval of a Continuing Education Course Provider	\$150	\$150 (no change)
Continuing approval of a Continuing Education Course Provider	\$150	\$150 (no change)

*Course provider in Intravenous Therapy (IV), Blood Withdrawal (BW) or Intravenous with Blood Withdrawal (IV/BW Combo) – Initial and Renewal Fees:*

Course providers for VNs will now pay \$150.00 for approval/continued approval to conduct certification trainings. Course providers for PTs will continue to pay \$150.00.

*Continuing Education Course Provider Fees:*

Applicants to become or continue to be a continuing education course provider for VNs or PTs will pay \$150.00. VN providers previously paid \$50.00 more than PT providers, and in fairness, the Board lowered VN provider fees to match the PT provider fee.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q.**

*If I submit my payment and application for licensure by examination or re-examination before 01/01/2019 but I do not take the examination until after 01/01/2019, will I have to pay the higher fee?*

**A.**

No. The BreEZe system links the date the application and the date the payment is received to determine how much money to collect. If you submit your application and payment for examination or re-examination via BreEZe or your application is post marked on or before 12/31/2018, you can take the examination on or after 01/01/2019 and will not have to pay the new fee.

**Q.**

*If I submit my payment and application for an initial license or licensure by endorsement on or before 12/31/2018, will I pay the lower fee?*

**A.**

Yes. The BreEZe system links the date the application and payment is received to determine how much money to collect. If the payment and application for an initial license or licensure by endorsement is submitted via BreEZe or post marked on or before 12/31/2018, the BVNPT will process the application at the lower amount.

**Q.**

*If my bi-annual licensing renewal date is before 01/01/2019, but I did not meet the continuing education requirements and did not pay my renewal fees until after 01/01/2019, what fee do I pay?*

**A.**

You pay the new fee that is effective on 01/01/2019, plus any renewal delinquent fee that applies.

**Q.**

*I am a Vocational Nurse and my bi-annual licensing renewal date is January 31, 2019 or February 28, 2019. Can I pay the current (lower) fee, or do I need to pay the new (higher) fee?*

**A.**

The BreEZe system links the date the renewal application and payment is received to determine how much money to collect. If you submit your renewal application, complete your continuing education requirements, and pay your renewal fees on or before 12/31/2018, you will pay the current (lower) renewal fee.

**Q.**

*I am a Psychiatric Technician and my bi-annual licensing renewal date is January 31, 2019 or February 28, 2019. I have completed my continuing education requirements and want to renew my license early (prior to 01/01/2019). Do I pay the current (higher) renewal fee, or do I have to delay my renewal until after 01/01/2019 to take advantage of the new (lower) renewal fee amount?*

**A.**

The BreEZe system links the date the renewal application and payment is received to determine how much money to collect. If you submit your renewal application, complete your continuing education requirements, and pay your renewal fees on or before 12/31/2018, you will pay the current (higher) renewal fee. If you want to take advantage of the new (lower) renewal fee, you must submit your renewal application on or after 01/01/2019.