

Texas Board of Nursing
Resource List

Acronyms and abbreviations used in Resource List and select definitions:

- APN:** Advanced Practice Nurse
- BON:** Texas Board of Nursing
- CE:** Continuing Education
- CEO:** Chief Executive Officer
- CNA:** Certified Nurse Assistant
- CNO:** Chief Nursing Officer
- CPR:** Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation
- DON:** Director of Nursing
- DPS:** Texas Department of Public Safety
- FAQ:** Frequently Asked Questions
- GN:** Graduate Nurse
- GVN:** Graduate Vocational Nurse
- IBPR:** Incident-Based Peer Review
- LVN:** Licensed Vocational Nurse
- MSN:** Master of Science in Nursing
- MSR:** Multi-State Recognition
- NCLEX:** National Council Licensure Examination
- NPA:** Nursing Practice Act
- RN:** Registered Nurse
- TMB:** Texas Medical Board
- TOC:** Texas Occupation Code
- TPAPN:** Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses
- UAP:** Unlicensed Assistive Person

NPA = Nursing Practice Act; Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code is specifically cited as the Nursing Practice Act. Several chapters that follow Chapter 301 are also under the regulation or authority of the BON and are collectively referred to as the NPA. This includes Chapter 303, and 304. These may be accessed via the [Laws and Rules](#) link on the BON website, click on the Nursing Practice Act link to reach these sections of the Texas Occupations Code.

Topic	Subject area	Resources
APRN role in delegation	Nursing Practice	Rule 217.11 (3) FAQ – Delegation and the Advanced Practice Nurse
Area of Practice	Licensure and Regulation	Defined in Rule 216.1 (4) Referenced in Rule 216.3 (a) & (b) FAQ – Continuing Education & Competency: Area of Practice .
Board functions	Licensure and Regulation	Rule 211.2 (b)

Board reportable Minor Incident	Peer Review	Rule 217.16 NPA 301.401 (2)
Boundary Violations	Ethics	Rule 217.1 (29) , Rule 217.11 (1)(J) , Rule 217.12 (6)(D) BON Bulletin: Jan '08, pgs. 4-5 BON Bulletin: July 2010, pg. 6 BON Bulletins: January 2011, pg. 4 and October 2011, pgs. 9-10 BON Bulletin: April 2012, pg. 4 National Council of State Boards of Nursing: Professional Boundaries Brochure
CE Requirements for License Renewal	Licensure and Regulation	Chapter 216 Referenced in Education: Continuing Competency Requirements
Certification	Licensure and Regulation	Definition in Rule 216.1 (8) License renewal Rule 216.3 (b) Referenced in Education: Continuing Competency Requirements
Conduct: reportable/non-reportable	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.401(1) Rule 217.11 (1)(K) and Rule 217.16
Criminal Conduct	Ethics	NPA 301.4535 Rule 213.28 Disciplinary Sanction Policies (Guidelines for Criminal Conduct section)
Continuing Competency	Licensure and Regulation	Rules in Chapter 216
Delegation: APRN role	Nursing Practice	Rule 217.11 (3) FAQ – Delegation and the Advanced Practice Nurse
Delegation: Licensure Level for	Nursing Practice	Rule 217.11 (3) (B) Rules in Chapter 224 and Chapter 225
Differentiate Role of LVN versus RN	Nursing Practice	Practice Section of Web Page: BON Position Statements 15.2 FAQ - LVNs Performing Triage/Telephonic Nursing/Being On-Call
Differentiate Training, Supervision, and Delegation	Nursing Practice	Rules 224.4 (3) , 224.6 , 224.7 , 224.10 , 225.4 (6) , 225.9 , 225.13 217.11 (1)(S) , (1)(U) , (2) , (3) BON Position Statements 15.27
Due Process: Incident-Based Peer Review	Peer Review	Rule 217.19 (d)
Due Process: Safe Harbor Peer Review	Peer Review	Rule 217.20 (h)
Due Process Exclusions:	Peer Review	Rule 217.19 (f)

Incident-Based Peer Review		
Due Process Exclusions: Safe Harbor Peer Review	Peer Review	Rule 217.20 (f)
Ethical Conduct	Ethics	Rules 213.27, 213.28, 213.29, 213.30 and 217.12
File a complaint	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.457 Referenced in Discipline & Complaint – BON Complaint Form
Fitness to practice	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.401 Rule 213.29 BON Bulletin: April '07, pg. 5 Disciplinary Sanction Policies
Good Professional Character	Ethics	Rule 213.27 (a) and Rule 217.12 NPA 301.452 (b) Discipline & Complaints - Policies and Guidelines (Referenced in Disciplinary Sanction Policies) Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct
Grounds for Disciplinary Action	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.452, 301.453, 301.4535
Guidelines	Nursing Practice	Practice: Practice Guidelines
Identification	Licensure and Regulation	NPA 301.351 Rule 217.10
Investigation of Complaints	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.457 Rule 213.13 Disciplinary & Complaints: What Happens When a Complaint Gets Filed
Invoking Safe Harbor	Peer Review	Rule 217.20 (d) BON Safe Harbor Forms
Licensure Level for Delegation:	Nursing Practice	Rule 217.11(3)(B) Rules in Chapter 224 and Chapter 225
License Renewal	Licensure and Regulation	Rules in Chapter 216 NPA 301.301 Rule 217.6
License Required	Licensure and Regulation	NPA 301.251
License Verification	Licensure and Regulation	Online Licensure Verification January 2008 BON Bulletin/ front page
Mandatory Reporting	Disciplinary Action	By individual nurse: NPA 301.402 and 301.4025 and Rule 217.11(K) By others: NPA 301.403

Requirements		
Minor Incident, Definition	Peer Review	NPA 301.419 Rule 217.16 , Rule 217.19 (a)(9) & Rule 217.20 (a)(9)
Minor Incident, Board reportable	Peer Review	NPA 301.401 (2) Rule 217.16
Mission	Licensure and Regulation	BON Home page About: Mission & Values NPA web page
Multi State Recognition	Licensure and Regulation	Texas Occupations Code Chapter 304 Rules in Chapter 220
Name Badge	Licensure and Regulation	Rule 217.10 NPA 301.351
Nurse's Duty to Patient	Nursing Practice	Rule 217.11 (1) (B) BON Position Statement 15.14 FAQ – Nursing Practice on When Does Nurse's Duty Begin and End
Nursing Process	Nursing Practice	NPA 301.002 Rule 217.11(2)(A), (3)(A)
Nurse Licensure Compact	Licensure and Regulation	Texas Occupations Code Chapter 304 Rules in Chapter 220
Peer Review: Purpose	Peer Review	Texas Occupations Code 303.001(5) Rule 217.19 (a)(14) & Rule 217.20 (a)(14)
Position Statements	Nursing Practice	Practice: Position Statements
Practice Fitness	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.401 Rule 213.29 BON Bulletin: April '07, pg. 5 Disciplinary Sanction Policies
Professional Boundaries	Ethics	Rule 217.1 (29) , Rule 217.11 (1)(J) , Rule 217.12 (6)(D) BON Bulletin: Jan '08, pgs. 4-5 National Council of State Boards of Nursing: Professional Boundaries Brochure
Protections: Safe Harbor	Peer Review	NPA 301.352 Rule 217.20 (e) FAQs – Nursing Peer Review
Refusing an Assignment: Safe Harbor	Peer Review	Rules 217.20 (e)(4), (g)(1)(A)-(B) FAQs – Nursing Peer Review
Refusing an Assignment: Safe Harbor – Mandatory	Peer Review	Rule 217.20(g)(2)

Requirement		
Reporting a Nurse (how to)	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.457 Referenced in Discipline & Complaint – BON Complaint Form
Reporting a Nurse: Mandatory	Disciplinary Action	By individual nurse: NPA 301.402 and 301.4025 and Rule 217.11(K) By others: NPA 301.403
Role of BON in relation to employer	Licensure and Regulation	FAQ - Nursing Practice: When Does a Nurse's Duty to a Patient Begin and End?
Role of BON in relation to Nursing (Professional) Associations	Licensure and Regulation	FAQ – Nursing Practice: Differentiating the Role of the Texas Board of Nursing from the Role of Nursing (Professional) Associations
Role of LVN versus RN	Nursing Practice	BON Position Statements 15.2 FAQ - Nursing Practice: LVNs Performing Triage/Telephonic Nursing/Being On-Call
Rule 217.11	Nursing Practice	Rule 217.11
Rules in relation to Statutes	Licensure and Regulation	NPA 301.151 Rule 211.1 FAQ – Nursing Practice: Differentiating the Role of the Texas Board of Nursing from the Role of Nursing (Professional) Associations
Safe Harbor: Invoking	Peer Review	Rule 217.20 (d) BON Safe Harbor Forms
Safe Harbor Protections	Peer Review	NPA 301.352 Rule 217.20 FAQs – Nursing Peer Review
Scope of Practice	Nursing Practice	Practice: LVN Scope of Practice Practice: RN Scope of Practice
Scope of Practice Decision Making Model (DMM)	Nursing Practice	Scope of Practice Decision Making Model (DMM)
Standards of Nursing Practice	Nursing Practice	Rule 217.11
Statutes in relation to Rules	Licensure and Regulation	Introduction section at the front of the NPA NPA 301.151 Rule 211.1 FAQ – Nursing Practice: Differentiating the Role of the Texas Board of Nursing from the Role of Nursing (Professional) Associations
Stipulations	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.463 Rule 213.1 (27) Discipline & Complaints – Disciplinary Actions BON Bulletin: (RN Update) Jan '01 pgs. 6-7

Supervise LVN Practice	Nursing Practice	NPA 301.353 Rule 217.11 (2) Position Statement 15.27, LVN Scope of Practice
Temporary permit	Licensure and Regulation	Rule 217.3 Rules and Guidelines Governing the Graduate Vocational and Registered Nurse Candidates or Newly Licensed Vocational or Registered Nurse
Title Protection	Licensure and Regulation	NPA 301.251 Rule 217.10
Unprofessional Conduct	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.452 (b)(12) Rule 217.12 Disciplinary Sanction Policies (Guidelines for Criminal Conduct section)
Unprofessional Conduct	Ethics	NPA 301.452 Rule 213.28 , Rule 213.29 , Rule 217.12
Violations (nursing actions)	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.452 Rule 217.11 and Rule 217.12
Whistleblower Protections	Peer Review	NPA 301.352 Rule 217.19 (m) ; Rules 217.20 (e)(2) and (l)