

General Note: Effective November 1, 2025, HB 2298 (59 O.S. §567.4c) gives Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) who meet certain eligibility requirements the option to apply for independent prescriptive authority. Applicants who are approved for this new authority will no longer be required to have a supervising physician or submit a supervising physician agreement to the Board of Nursing.

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing approved emergency rules related to implementation of HB 2298 on September 30, 2025. The information presented below is **CONTINGENT** on final approval of emergency rules by the Governor.

1. When can I submit my application?

HB 2298 is effective November 1, 2025. The Board is working to finalize all necessary requirements for implementation, including emergency rule approval by the Governor, and application processes/forms. Please continue to monitor our website for information updates and an announcement of our “GO LIVE” date.

2. What are the eligibility requirements?

HB 2298 ([link to document on website](#)) has several eligibility requirements that must be met.

- Applicants must hold a valid, current license in the appropriate Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Role (CNP, CNS, CNM) issued by the Board of Nursing and be in good standing with the Board.
- Applicants must have completed a minimum of 6,240 clinical practice hours with prescriptive authority supervised by a physician. (See question 3.)
- Applicants, or the applicant’s employer on their behalf, must maintain and have proof of malpractice insurance or demonstrated proof of financial responsibility in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 in the aggregate per year.

3. How are clinical practice hours defined?

Clinical practice hours are defined in the Board of Nursing Rules as hours performing services directly related to patient care. They can also include providing clinical instruction to students at an accredited APRN program. [O.A.C. 485:10-16-3.2.(1)(A)]

4. If I currently have prescriptive authority, is my application for independent prescriptive authority considered an initial (new) application or a renewal application?

Applications for independent prescriptive authority are considered an initial (new) application as this recognition is a new type of prescriptive authority recognition based on HB 2298.

5. What are the education requirements that must be met to apply?

HB 2298 did not change the required education hours for initial applications (see question 4 above). You will need to submit documentation verifying completion of forty-five

(45) contact hours of “Category B” continuing education hours or three (3) academic credit hours of education, in a course or courses in pharmacotherapeutic management that targets Advanced Practice Registered Nurses or individuals enrolled in an APRN education program and/or other authorized prescribers. **Such contact hours or academic credits shall be obtained within a time period of three (3) years immediately preceding the date of receipt of application for independent prescriptive authority.** You can find additional information about continuing education hours here: [LINK TO FILE](#).

6. What documents or evidence will I be required to provide the Board with my application?

The applicant will provide an attestation that they meet the eligibility requirements in the online application completed through their nurse portal account. All applications are subject to audit by the Board of Nursing. If audited, you may be required to provide additional documentation to corroborate your eligibility.

7. Where and how do I apply?

You will apply through your Nurse Portal Account. You will find a link on the main page next to your APRN license information. You will not be able to apply until the official “GO LIVE” date which will be announced soon.

8. Is there a fee associated with my application?

Yes. There is an application fee of \$85.

9. Will I be able to prescribe Schedule II controlled dangerous substances if I am granted independent prescriptive authority?

No. HB 2298 did not change what APRNs are allowed to prescribe. Please see the Exclusionary Formulary here for more information: [LINK TO FILE](#).

10. Are there any changes to my scope of practice if I am granted independent prescriptive authority?

No. HB 2298 did not make any changes to the scope of practice for APRNs.

11. Are there any changes related to what information I am required to include on my prescriptions?

Yes. If granted independent prescriptive authority, you will no longer be required to include the name of a supervising physician on your prescriptions. However, you should include “Independent Rx Authority” on your prescriptions. We will be working with the Board of Pharmacy to ensure that Pharmacists and Pharmacies are made aware of this change. We

will also include documentation of this on the licensure verification data reported on our website.

12. I live outside of Oklahoma and would like to apply. What are the eligibility requirements for me?

You must have a valid, current Oklahoma license in the appropriate Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Role issue by the Board and be in good standing with the Board. You must meet all other eligibility and educational requirements noted in questions 2 and 5 of this document. For applicants living in “Full Practice Authority” states, the law does not provide an exemption for the requirement to have a minimum of 6,240 clinical practice hours with prescriptive authority supervised by a physician. However, there is no requirement that these hours be met under an Oklahoma-licensed physician.

13. I am a state or federal employee. Is there any guidance regarding the liability insurance requirements for me?

An APRN employed by or under contract with a federal agency that carries malpractice insurance in any amount on behalf of the APRN is considered in compliance while working in relation to their federal employment or contract. You would need separate malpractice insurance for any work you may do outside of your federal employment or contract. An APRN employed by a state agency should consult with their agency’s legal counsel to determine if they are appropriately covered by the State of Oklahoma to comply with the requirements of HB 2298.

14. Am I required to obtain separate independent prescriptive authority for each practice role or specialty certification I hold?

Yes. This requirement has not changed. An Advanced Practice Registered Nurse with more than one advanced practice license or specialty certification must hold separate prescriptive authority recognition for each advanced practice license or specialty certification.

15. If I apply for and receive approval for independent prescriptive authority, when will I be required to renew?

Independent Prescriptive Authority granted by the Board expires when the current APRN license to practice expires and must be renewed at the same time. For example, if you are granted independent prescriptive authority in December 2025, and your APRN license expires in March 2026, you will need to renew your Independent Prescriptive Authority prior to March 31, 2026 along with your APRN license.

Independent Prescriptive Authority (HB 2298) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

16. What are the continuing education requirements when it comes time for my renewal?

HB 2298 requires 40 hours of “Category I continuing medical education” within a two-year period immediately preceding the effective date of application for renewal. Your hours submitted for your initial application may apply if they meet the requirements of Category I continuing medical education. You can find additional information about continuing education hours here: [LINK TO FILE](#).

17. How long will it take for my application to be approved?

Current processing times for prescriptive authority are under three business days once we have received all required documentation. However, there may be delays once we “GO LIVE” as we expect an influx of applications. Thank you in advance for your patience as we work through these as quickly as we can.

18. If I apply for and receive approval for independent prescriptive authority, and currently have prescriptive authority, do I need to do anything with my “old” prescriptive authority recognition?

No. Your “old” prescriptive authority will automatically lapse at the original expiration date.