



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Executive Office of Health and Human Services  
Department of Public Health  
Division of Health Professions Licensure  
Board of Registration in Nursing  
239 Causeway Street, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02114

CHARLES D. BAKER  
Governor

KARYN E. POLITO  
Lieutenant Governor

Tel: 617-973-0900  
TTY: 617-973-0988

<http://www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn>

MARYLOU SUDDERS  
Secretary

MONICA BHAREL, MD, MPH  
Commissioner

November 7, 2018

To: Massachusetts Nursing and Professional Healthcare Organizations  
From: Board of Registration in Nursing  
Re: Update to required training for Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention

The Board of Registration in Nursing (Board) continues to receive many calls regarding the issue of complying with the law that requires training for health care providers on the issue of domestic and sexual violence as a condition of licensure (M.G.L. c. 112, § 264).

DPH's Division of Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention and Services has developed a training that meets the requirements for licensure. This e-Learning tool can be accessed from [DPH's Domestic and Sexual Violence Integration Initiatives](#) web page.

The Board will not hold a nurse responsible for the required training until it is available. Nurses who renew after November 7, 2018 will have an additional six months from the date of license renewal to complete the training. Nurses who have renewed prior to the release of the training must complete the training prior to their next license renewal.

A nurse participating in a currently approved in-person training program will be considered to have met the requirement and does not need to take the online course by DPH. Refer to [DPH's Domestic and Sexual Violence Integration Initiatives](#) for training approval updates.

**Please note:** The Board of Registration in Nursing (Board) no longer issues paper license renewal reminders or paper licenses. The Board will use email to communicate renewal reminders and important changes in statute, regulations and policies related to nursing. **FAILURE TO PROVIDE A WORKING EMAIL ADDRESS WILL PREVENT YOU FROM RECEIVING THESE IMPORTANT UPDATES.** Log onto the [Online Services](#) link at [www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn](http://www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn) to add or change your email address. The data base does not work w/iPhones, iPads, Safari or Google Chrome. Please use a compatible web browser.