



Policy 4.7: Denial, Suspension or Revocation of Credentials

Purpose

The Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN®) considers misrepresentation, noncompliance with eligibility criteria, failure to follow certification rules and guidelines, and/or misuse of a BCEN credential(s) to be serious ethical violations. These matters will be investigated and may result in disciplinary action. (See Policy 4.8 – Disciplinary Actions)

Scope

This policy applies to individuals seeking BCEN certification, current BCEN credential holders, and individuals misrepresenting BCEN certification status.

Cause for denial, suspension or revocation of a BCEN credential may include, but is not limited to:

- Falsification of information on any BCEN application
- Misrepresentation or falsification of continuing education (CE) credits
- Falsification of any material information requested by BCEN
- Misrepresentation of BCEN certification status
- Cheating, impersonation, or compromise of examination integrity
- Restrictions or sanctions placed on a nurse's RN license in any state
 - Certificants are required to notify BCEN of any restrictions or changes to their RN license. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

Review and Investigation

BCEN reviews all allegations of misconduct, misrepresentation, or noncompliance and evaluates relevant information to ensure a fair and objective determination. BCEN will notify the individual in writing when evidence of potential violation is identified and may request a written response within thirty (30) days.

Disciplinary Actions

Based on the findings of the review, BCEN may take one or more of the following actions:

- Denial of certification
- Revocation (decertification) of credentials
- Examination actions, including dismissal, scoring as a failure, or restrictions on retesting
- Cease-and-desist actions for misrepresentation of credentials
- Other actions as deemed appropriate based on the severity of the violation

Determination and Notification

BCEN will evaluate each case individually and will notify the individual in writing of its decision, including the reason for the action taken. All decisions are final.

Additional Enforcement

BCEN may take additional actions as appropriate, including notification to relevant parties or employers when necessary.

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