

Summary of Request:

The Texas Board of Nursing has received a request from RN Examination Applicant Vyola Laws for an exception to Board Rule 217.2(c) which states:

- (c) An applicant for initial licensure by examination shall pass the NCLEX-PN or NCLEX-RN within four years of completion of requirements for graduation.

Historical Perspective:

Ms. Laws graduated from Galveston College on May 13, 2008 and has attempted to take the NCLEX-RN three times unsuccessfully in June 2008, November 2008 and August 2009. Ms. Law's request and background information are attached.

The Texas Board of Nursing receives this particular type of request sporadically and we consistently deny the request based on Rule 217.2(c). To my knowledge, we made only one exception based on the deployment of a military applicant that was within one month past the four year rule and had been a medic during his deployment.

Pros: If allowed to take the examination and passes, Ms. Laws will be able to practice as a registered nurse and seek gainful employment.

Cons: The chances of passing the examination with the time elapsed between graduation and taking examination is minimal. If the request is granted, a precedent is established for an exception to this rule.

Staff Recommendation:

Board Action: I move to deny the request of RN Examination Applicant Vyola Laws for an exception to Board Rule 217.2(c).