



BULLETIN #2 - DRAFT

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New Fees for Education Programs

Pursuant to Chapter 632 of the Statutes of 2021 (AB 1536, Assembly Committee on Business and Professions), the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) will be required to assess fees for Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician prelicensure education programs, effective January 1, 2022.

1. Beginning January 1, 2022, the Board will be required to charge a non-refundable fee of \$5,000 to all applicants submitting an Application for Initial Approval of New School Program.
 - a. Application packets submitted without full payment for the Initial Program Application Fee of \$5,000 will be disqualified.
 - b. The Initial Program Application Fee must be remitted by personal, corporate or cashier's check, and/or money order payable to the Board and delivered to the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 205, Sacramento, CA 95833.
 - c. If an Application for Initial Approval of New School Program is disqualified, the applicant may not reapply until the next open application cycle, to be announced by the Board.
 - d. For calendar year 2022 only, a disqualified applicant may not reapply until 2024.
 - e. Please note: If a proposal was assigned to a nursing education consultant (NEC) prior to December 31, 2021, it is not subject to the Initial Program Application Fee.
2. Beginning January 1, 2022, the Board will be required to charge a non-refundable fee of \$15,000 to programs recommended for Final Approval by the assigned NEC.
 - a. The Final Approval Fee must be remitted by personal, corporate or cashier's check, and/or money order payable to the Board before the program is approved to admit its first cohort of students. The address to remit the payment is listed above in 1b.
 - b. If an application is disqualified, the applicant may not reapply until the next open application cycle, to be announced by the Board.
 - c. For calendar year 2022 only, a disqualified applicant may not reapply until 2024.
 - d. Please note: If the proposal was assigned to an NEC prior to December 31, 2021, it is not subject to this Final Approval Fee.
3. Beginning January 1, 2022, the Board will be required to charge a non-refundable fee of \$5,000 to all programs for Continuing Approval (Approval).

- a. This Continuing Approval Fee is based on a program's four-year Approval cycle, satisfactory completion of the Program Review Survey and the NEC's overall program evaluation.
 - b. Prior to issuing certification of the program's Approval and authorization to admit a new cohort and/or enrollment pattern, this fee must be paid upon the Executive Officer's approval of the NEC's report and subsequent recommendations.
 - c. Failure to remit the full payment of \$5,000 may result in the program losing its approved status.
 - d. The Continuing Approval Fee must be remitted by personal, corporate or cashier's check, and/or money order payable to the Board pursuant to payment instructions to be provided by the Board.
 - e. Please note: If the program's regular review was completed by the assigned NEC and approved by the Executive Officer prior to December 31, 2021, it is not subject to the Continuing Approval Fee in this approval cycle.
4. The Board may reduce the Continuing Approval Fee for a program that experiences a reduction in funding that leads to an enrollment capacity reduction.
 - a. The fee may be reduced on a case-by-case basis following a request by the program.
 5. The Board may reduce the fee for the Final Approval of an applicant affiliated with an approved school or program in good standing with the Board that utilizes the curriculum and policies previously approved by the BVNPT.

[The list of approved programs posted on the Board's website School Program Fees](#) and includes the dates that programs are scheduled for review. The Board will notify the programs when fees are due and how they may be remitted.

[The Board's waiting list for proposed new program approval is posted here: Program Wait List.](#)

All questions should be directed via email to bvnpt.education@dca.ca.gov.