

Clarification of Transport Team Exemption in ORS 678.031

ORS 678.031 (6)(a) provides for a 30 day exemption from Oregon licensure as a practical nurse or registered nurse if the nurse is licensed and in good standing in another state for the purpose of a single assignment on a transport team. The usual meaning of a transport team is a group of licensed health care providers, including licensed nurses, who provide care for a patient during the time a patient is moved from one facility to another within the state, from state to state or other transportation situations which require care concurrent with transport.

The Board interprets "transport team," in its broadest sense, to include any nurse responsible for the nursing care of a patient, who accompanies a patient to Oregon from a site outside of Oregon. This includes, but is not limited to, the private duty nurse, volunteer nurse and the nurse accompanying a patient from one health care site to another. The Board's interpretation of "transport team" does not apply to situations in which the patient and the nurse remain in the State of Oregon for more than 30 days.

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