

## Texas Board of Nursing

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June 28, 2013

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Bobbie Jean Owens 202 Ramblewood Drive Henderson, Texas 75652

Dear Bobbie Jean Owens:

Your Petition for Declaratory Order and the supporting information related to your potential ineligibility for licensure under the Nursing Practice Act and the Board's Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice was considered by the Executive Director of the Board on May 17, 2013, pursuant to the Occupations Code Chapter 53 and §§301.257, 301.452, and 301.453. You have been found to be ineligible for licensure as a nurse in the State of Texas based upon the grounds discussed below.

Our records indicate the following:

- 1. On or about December 14, 2010, your license to practice as a Vocational Nurse was issued a Warning with Stipulations by the Texas Board of Nursing for misappropriating MS Contin and Percocet belonging to a patient.
- 2. On or about January 19, 2013, the Texas Board of Nursing issued an Agreed Order accepting the Voluntary Surrender of your vocational nursing license. You voluntarily surrendered your license after violating your board order, dated December 14, 2010, by testing positive for Cocaine on or about March 16, 2011.

You are subject to denial of licensure for this conduct pursuant to the following subsections of the Occupations Code §301.452(b):

...(10) unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that, in the Board's opinion, is likely to deceive, defraud, or injure a patient or the public.

Further, pursuant to §301.452(c), the Board may refuse to admit a person to a licensing examination for a ground described under §301.452(b).

The Board also requires petitioners to demonstrate their ability to consistently conform to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice; to possess good professional character; and to pose no threat to the health and safety of patients and the public. The Board has adopted a rule, located at 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.27, that sets forth

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the factors and disciplinary and eligibility policies and guidelines that must be used in evaluating good professional character in eligibility and disciplinary matters. Based upon the factors specified in §213.27, you have failed to provide sufficient evidence of good professional character required by §213.27. Further, based upon your criminal history, the Board's Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct require the denial of your licensure.

The Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.27 - §213.33, the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies, including the Board's Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct, and the Occupations Code Chapter 53, are hereby incorporated by reference herein and may be located on the Board's website at <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov.">www.bon.texas.gov.</a>

Due to this denial, you have the right to a public hearing before an Administrative Law Judge with the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Should you decide to appeal the decision to deny you licensure, please submit a written request for a public hearing, to the attention of Patricia Vianes-Cabrera, Executive Assistant, Office of General Counsel, 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-460, Austin, Texas, 78701. Your written request to appeal this decision must be received in our office within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter. Further, if this office receives information regarding additional criminal conduct or behavior that has not been previously disclosed to or discovered by this office, please be advised that evidence of such additional criminal conduct or behavior may be used against you during the public hearing in this matter to show that you lack the good professional character and other requirements for licensure.

Sincerely,

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