

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health Occupations

9-302.

(a) To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

(b) The applicant shall be of good moral character.

(c) The applicant shall be at least 18 years old.

(d) The applicant shall:

(1) (i) Have a baccalaureate or masters degree in health care administration from an accredited college or university; or

(ii) 1. Have a baccalaureate or masters degree in a field other than health care administration from an accredited college or university; and

2. Have satisfactorily completed a minimum of 100 hours in a course of study in health care administration, or its equivalent, approved by the Board; and

(iii) 1. Have completed an administrator-in-training program approved by the Board; or

2. Have completed 1 year of full-time nursing home administration in a nursing home.

(2) THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

(I) WAS IN POSSESSION OF A VALID LICENSE ON DECEMBER 15, 1988; OR

(II) 1. HAD APPLIED FOR A LICENSE BY DECEMBER 15, 1988; AND

2. MET ALL OF THE OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE.

(e) The Board may waive any education requirement of subsection (d) of this section for an individual who, prior to January 1, 1990, was licensed as a nursing home administrator for at least 1 year in another state.

(f) Except as otherwise provided in this title, the applicant shall pass an examination given by the Board under this subtitle.