



State Policy Fact Sheet: Hawaii

Nurse Practice Act: HRS § 457-1

Regulatory Structure: Full Practice

Hawaii practice and licensure laws authorize nurse practitioners (NPs) to evaluate patients, diagnose and prescribe medications and therapeutic measures.

HAR § 16-89-2

Regulatory Agency

NP licensure is regulated exclusively by the [Board of Nursing \(BON\)](#).

HRS § 457-3

Licensure Requirements

Requirements include a registered nurse license, a graduate degree in an NP role and national certification.

HRS § 457-8.5

Continuing Education (CE)* ***

Thirty CE contact hours are required every two years. See BON for details.

HAR § 16-89-123

Medical Staff Membership**

NPs are recognized as medical staff in hospitals and facilities licensed in the state.

HRS § 323-3

Primary Care Providers

NPs are defined as primary care providers.

HRS § 323-3

Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Signature Recognition: Hawaii recognizes NP signatures on select terms of patient care.
HRS § 457-8.8
- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.
HRS § 457-8.6
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for parking permits.
HRS § 291-51
- DNR: NPs are currently authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.
HRS § 457-8.8 & HRS § 327K
- Death Certificates: NPs are authorized to sign death certificates.
HRS § 338-9
- Hawaii Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST): NPs are authorized to sign Hawaii's POLST form.
HRS § 327K-1

*Contact hours in specific topics may be required. Please contact your state Board of Nursing for current information.

**Medical Staff Membership refers to governing and voting privileges and is not reflective of clinical or admitting privileges within institutions.

***Exemptions may be available. Please consult full law for guidance.

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