



## POLICY ON INTERNET DISCIPLINE DOCUMENT RETENTION

Business and Professions Code Section 2708.1 states “*Protection of the public shall be the highest priority for the Board of Registered Nursing in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.*”

In support of our regulatory mandate, it is the mission of the Board of Registered Nursing to protect the health and safety of consumers by promoting quality registered nursing care in the State of California. This is done by intervening with discipline and rehabilitation when necessary.

In order to uphold the Board’s statutory mandate and mission, while keeping up with advances in technology, information has been provided on its website, [www.rn.ca.gov](http://www.rn.ca.gov), regarding disciplinary actions taken against registered nurse licenses since 2005. While the information provided on the Board’s website is not comprehensive, information is added to the website on a regular basis as public requests for disciplinary records are fulfilled.

In an effort to balance the public’s right to be informed about their health care practitioners and licensee privacy concerns for those who have fulfilled the requirements of a disciplinary action against their license the Board has set forth the following policy as it pertains to the various types of disciplinary action:

Action / Time Record Retained	3 years from date of resolution	3 years from date of completion	10 years from date of completion	Indefinitely
Final Decision Upholding Citation and/or Fine Administrative Hearing	X			
Final Decision Upholding Citation and Fine involving Unlicensed Individual				X
Final Decision Resulting in Public Reprimand		X		
Final Decision Resulting in Probation (with or without license suspension)			X	
Final Decision Resulting in Probation (Tolled)			X	
Final Decision Resulting in License Revocation or Surrender				X
Final Decision, Other			X	

**NOTE:** License status will remain on the BRN website indefinitely. All documents above are considered a public record and will be provided when requested.

**Final actions taken by the Board prior to January 1, 2012, shall be posted for a period of 3 years, 10 years, or indefinitely from January 1, 2012. Final actions taken by the Board on or after January 1, 2012, shall remain posted for 3 years, 10 years, or indefinitely from the date the Board’s action was final.**