

Special Note to APRNs for Renewal 2016

Please remember that you now have a separate APRN license number that is no longer tied to your RN license. If you hold Prescriptive Authority, this is an endorsement on your APRN license only. You will need to renew each of these two licenses types separately. The fees for renewal of your RN and APRN license are the same.

Your continuing education requirements also remain the same: a total of 24 contact hours for both of these licenses. IF you have prescriptive authority, you need 12 of those 24 contact hours in the area of pharmacology. These requirements are pro-rated if you have not been licensed the full 24 months from Jan 2015 through Dec 2016. You can use the same 24 contact hours for both your RN and LPN renewal requirement.

NEW ADDITIONAL FEE if you hold PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY

MPDR (MT Prescription Drug Registry): \$60 for two years

All APRNs licensees with prescriptive authority who are authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances in Schedules II-V are REQUIRED to pay a \$30 **annual** fee for maintaining the MPDR: see Montana Code. Sec 37-7-1511 (1) <http://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/37/7/37-7-1511.htm> The fee is \$60 for licensees who have a two year renewal. Payment is required whether or not the licensee is physically located in Montana or uses the MPDR online program. Licensees are not required to pay this fee if they are NOT authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances in Schedules II-V. If the fee does not apply to you, then check the attestation statement on the online renewal program and you will not be charged this \$60 fee.

If you have questions, please email nurse@mt.gov .