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New Nurse Practitioner Certifications Coming to California in 2023

With the passage of AB 890 (Wood, Chapter 265, Statutes of 2020), the Board of Registered Nursing (Board) is gearing up to implement the provisions of the law in January 2023. AB 890 created two new categories of Nurse Practitioners (NP) that can function within a defined scope of practice without standardized procedures.

In order to certify NPs to practice without standardized procedures, they must first submit an application to the Board. The Board will release a new streamlined and expedited application process for this certification in the month of January.

The two new categories established under AB 890 are commonly referred to as 103 NPs and 104 NPs. A 103 NP will work under the provisions outlined in Business and Professions Code Section 2837.103. This new category of NP can work without standardized procedures, in specific group settings identified in the statute with at least one physician and surgeon, within the population focus of their National Certification. A 104 NP will work under the provisions outlined in Business and Professions Code Section 2837.104. This category of NP can work without standardized procedures, outside of a group setting, within the population focus of their National Certification. Law requires an NP to first work as a 103 NP in good standing for at least 3 years prior to becoming a 104 NP. Therefore, the application to become a 104 NP will not be available until 2026.

The new authority under AB 890 is not automatically granted to NPs in California. NPs who wish to practice without standardized procedures must submit an application to the Board for a special certification. Licensees interested in obtaining certification are encouraged to visit the Board's [website](#) for more information.

For more information about AB 890, please visit: [AB 890 Information](#).

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