

# Senate Bill 855

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## SUMMARY

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Directs professional licensing boards to develop pathways to licensure, certification or other authorization to practice occupation or profession for specified persons. Requires boards to report to Legislative Assembly not later than November 30, 2019.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to professional practice authorizations; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **“Occupational or professional service” means a service:**

6 (A) **That an individual must possess a license, certificate or other form of authorization**  
7 **to provide under the laws of this state; and**

8 (B) **Over which a professional licensing board has regulatory oversight.**

9 (b) **“Professional licensing board” means a state agency or board that licenses, certifies**  
10 **or otherwise authorizes individuals to provide an occupational or professional service.**

11 (2) **A professional licensing board that regulates an occupational or professional service**  
12 **and that requires licensure, certification or other authorization to provide the occupational**  
13 **or professional service shall develop pathways to licensure, certification or other authori-**  
14 **zation for persons who are noncitizens. Pathways developed under this section:**

15 (a) **Must be in plain language;**

16 (b) **Must include visual representations of the requirements for licensure, certification**  
17 **or other authorization;**

18 (c) **Must be available on a website operated by or on behalf of the professional licensing**  
19 **board and in printed form; and**

20 (d) **May be available in languages other than English.**

21 (3) **A professional licensing board may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this**  
22 **section.**

23 **SECTION 2. A professional licensing board, as defined in section 1 of this 2019 Act, shall**  
24 **report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 on the professional**  
25 **licensing board's progress in meeting the requirements of section 1 of this 2019 Act not later**  
26 **than November 30, 2019.**

27 **SECTION 3. (1) Section 1 of this 2019 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2020.**

28 (2) **A professional licensing board may take any action before the operative date specified**  
29 **in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board to exercise, on and**  
30 **after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 and powers conferred on the board by section 1 of this 2019 Act.

2 SECTION 4. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
3 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect  
4 on its passage.

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