

**BEFORE THE OREGON  
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

**In the Matter of** ) **FINAL ORDER OF SUSPENSION**  
**Celisse Adams, CNA** ) **BY DEFAULT FOR**  
 ) **FAILURE TO COOPERATE**  
 )  
**Certificate No. 200511608CNA** ) **Reference No. 15-00528**

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The Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining certain health care providers, including Certified Nursing Assistants. Celisse Adams (Certificate Holder) was issued a Certified Nursing Assistant certificate by the Board on July 19, 2005.

This matter was considered by the Board at its meeting on May 13, 2015.

On April 22, 2015, a notice stating that the Board intended to suspend the Certified Nursing Assistant certificate of Celisse Adams was sent to Certificate Holder via certified and first-class mail to her address of record. The Notice alleged that Certificate Holder failed to cooperate with the Board during the course of an investigation.

The Notice granted Certificate Holder an opportunity for hearing if requested within twenty (20) days of the mailing of the Notice. No such request for hearing has been received by the Board. The Notice designated the Board's file on this matter as the record for purposes of default.

NOW THEREFORE, after consideration of its records and files related to this matter, the Board enters the following Order:

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**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Based on the evidence submitted through the Notice and the agency file in this case, the Board finds the following:

1. Certificate Holder was issued a Certified Nursing Assistant certificate in the state of Oregon on July 19, 2005.
2. On or about August 30, 2014, Certificate Holder submitted an application to the Board for renewal of her Certified Nursing Assistant certificate. On that application, Certificate Holder disclosed that she had been arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants in July 2013 and again in June 2014. A routine criminal background

check confirmed the disclosed arrests and showed that Certificate Holder had also been charged with Criminal Driving While Suspended in October 2013. The Board opened an investigation into the matter.

3. On October 22, 2014, Board staff mailed a letter to Certificate Holder's address of record requesting that Certificate Holder provide a detailed written explanation of her arrests, copies of police reports pertaining to her arrests, copies of court documents pertaining to her criminal charges, and records from her court-ordered alcohol abuse evaluation and treatment. Over several months, Board staff sent repeated requests to Certificate Holder to provide the above-requested information. Certificate Holder failed to provide a written explanation of her arrests, failed to provide proof of compliance with all court requirements, and failed to provide records from her court-ordered substance abuse evaluation and treatment.
4. On April 22, 2015, Board staff mailed a Notice of Proposed Suspension to Certificate Holder via certified and first-class mail. The Notice granted Certificate Holder twenty (20) days from the date of the mailing of the Notice to request a hearing. The Notice also designated that the agency file would be the record for purposes of default.
5. Certificate Holder failed to respond to the Notice of Proposed Suspension within the required twenty (20) days.

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### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the Certificate Holder, Celisse Adams, and over the subject matter of this proceeding.
2. That Certificate Holder's failure to cooperate with the Board during the course of an investigation is grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to ORS 678.442(2)(f), OAR 851-063-0080(6) and OAR 851-063-0090(10)(a) and (c).
3. That Certificate Holder defaulted on the Notice by not requesting a hearing within the allotted twenty (20) days and, as a result, pursuant to ORS 183.417(3), the Board may enter a Final Order by Default.

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### **ORDER**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and the Board being fully advised in the premises, it is hereby:

**ORDERED** that the Certified Nursing Assistant certificate of Celisse Adams is **SUSPENDED** for a minimum of two weeks, commencing five business days from the

date this Order is signed, and shall continue until such time as Celisse Adams has fully cooperated with the Board's investigation. Should the Board reinstate the Certified Nursing Assistant certificate of Celisse Adams, she would be subject to whatever terms and conditions the Board may impose.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2015

**FOR THE BOARD OF NURSING OF THE STATE OF OREGON**

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Gary Hickmann, RN  
Board President

TO: CELISSE ADAMS:

You may file a petition for reconsideration or rehearing of this Order. Reconsideration or rehearing may be obtained by filing a petition with the Board of Nursing within sixty (60) days from the service of this Order. Your petition shall set forth the specific grounds for reconsideration. Reconsideration or rehearing is pursuant to the provisions in ORS 183.482.

As an alternative to filing a Petition for Reconsideration of this Order, you are entitled to judicial review of this Order. Judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition with the Oregon Court of Appeals for review within sixty (60) days from the date of service of this Order. Judicial review is pursuant to the provisions of ORS 183.482.