

Palm Beach Community College
Health Sciences, EMT, Paramedic Programs

**NOTICE OF CHANGES TO CRIMINAL BACKGROUND REQUIREMENTS
FOR APPLICANTS**

Please be informed that legislation that became effective July 1, 2009, section 456.0635, Fla. Stat., may affect your eligibility for acceptance into and/or completion of any PBC health sciences, EMT or Paramedic programs.

Individuals with felony convictions or who have plead guilty or nolo contendere to felony violations OF ANY TYPE are ineligible for acceptance.

This notification is published by the Florida Department of Health Division of Medical Quality Assurance and is summarized by the following notice found at:
http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/info_important.doc

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Pursuant to Section 456.0635, *Florida Statutes*, you are being notified that effective July 1, 2009, health care boards or the department shall refuse to issue a license, certificate or registration and shall refuse to admit a candidate for examination if the applicant has been:

1. Convicted or plead guilty or nolo contendere to a felony violation of: chapters 409, 817, or 893, Florida Statutes; or 21 U.S.C. ss. 801-970 or 42 U.S.C. ss 1395-1396, unless the sentence and any probation or pleas ended more than 15 years prior to the application.
2. Terminated for cause from Florida Medicaid Program (unless the applicant has been in good standing for the most recent five years).
3. Terminated for cause by any other State Medicaid Program or the Medicare Program (unless the termination was at least 20 years prior to the date of the application and the applicant has been in good standing with the program for the most recent five years).

Some of the boards, or the department where there is no board, are in the process of updating questions on licensure applications. Please continue to use the application, as it currently appears online until rules are adopted that will allow the department to replace these applications with updated versions.

- To review specific statute chapters 409, 817, or 893 directly, please use the following link: <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/>
- TITLE 21 United States Code (USC) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT:
<http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/21cfr/21usc/801.htm>
- TITLE 42 United States Code (USC) THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.