

**TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**  
**CHAPTER 2 ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS**  
**PART 21 LICENSURE FOR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, SPOUSES AND VETERANS**

**16.2.21.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Board of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.  
[16.2.21.1 NMAC - N, 03-02-14]

**16.2.21.2 SCOPE:** This part sets forth application procedures to expedite licensure for military service members, spouses and veterans.  
[16.2.21.2 NMAC - N, 03-02-14]

**16.2.21.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** These rules are promulgated pursuant to and in accordance with the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Practice Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 61-14A-1 to -22 (specific authority to promulgate rules is 61-14A-8(B) and NMSA 1978, Section 61-1- (HB 180).  
[16.2.21.3 NMAC - N, 03-02-14]

**16.2.21.4 DURATION:** Permanent.  
[16.2.21.4 NMAC - N, 03-02-14]

**16.2.21.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 2, 2014, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[16.2.21.5 NMAC - N, 03-02-14]

**16.2.21.6 OBJECTIVE:** The purpose of this part is to expedite licensure for military service members, their spouses and veterans pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 61-1-34.  
[16.2.21.6 NMAC - N, 03-02-14]

**16.2.21.7 DEFINITIONS:**  
A. "Military service member" means a person who is serving in the armed forces of the United States or in an active reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the national guard.  
B. "Recent veteran" means a person who has received an honorable discharge or separation from military service within the two years immediately preceding the date the person applied for an occupational or professional license pursuant to this section.  
[16.2.21.7 NMAC - N, 03-02-14]

**16.2.21.8 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**  
A. Applications for licensure shall be completed on a form provided by the board.  
B. The applicant shall provide:  
(1) a completed application and corresponding fee pursuant to 16.2.10.9 NMAC;  
(2) satisfactory evidence that the applicant is currently licensed in another jurisdiction, including a branch of the United States armed forces, and holds a current license in good standing; the applicant further must provide satisfactory evidence that he has met the minimal licensing requirements in that jurisdiction and that they are substantially equivalent to the licensing requirements for New Mexico licensees in acupuncture and oriental medicine; and  
(3) proof of honorable discharge (DD214) or military ID card or accepted proof of military spouse status.  
C. Electronic signatures will be acceptable for applications submitted pursuant to section 14-16-1 through section 14-16-19 NMSA 1978.  
[16.2.21.8 NMAC - N, 03-02-14]

**16.2.21.9 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS:**  
A. A license issued pursuant to this section shall not be renewed unless the license holder satisfies the requirements for the issuance specified in 16.2.3 NMAC, application for licensure or 16.2.17 NMAC licensure by endorsement and for the renewal of a license specified in 16.2.8 NMAC pursuant to Chapter 61, Articles 2 through 22 NMSA 1978.  
B. A license issued pursuant to this section shall be valid for one year or until JULY 31 unless renewed.

C. The board office mails license renewal notifications to licensees before the license expiration date. Failure to receive the renewal notification shall not relieve the licensee of the responsibility of renewing the license by the expiration date.

D. The renewal application will be available online at the board's website and in paper copy if requested from the board office and must be received at the board office on or before July 31, except that licenses initially issued after May 1 shall not expire until July 31 of the next renewal period.

E. To renew a license, the licensee must submit the following documentation on or before July 31: a completed license renewal application, verification of continuing education, and the applicable renewal fee at the time of renewal.

[16.2.21.9 NMAC - N, 03-02-14]

**History of 16.2.21 NMAC:** [RESERVED]