

**TITLE 16        OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**  
**CHAPTER 4     CHIROPRACTIC PRACTITIONERS**  
**PART 12       CLASSIFICATION OF CHIROPRACTIC LICENSURE**

**16.4.12.1       ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Chiropractic Board, PO Box 25101, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504.

[16.4.12.1 NMAC - Rp 16.4.12.1 NMAC 8/10/2019]

**16.4.12.2       SCOPE:** All chiropractic physicians.

[16.4.12.2 NMAC - Rp 16.4.12.2 NMAC 8/10/2019]

**16.4.12.3       STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** These rules of practice and procedure govern the practice of chiropractic in New Mexico and are promulgated pursuant to and in accordance with the Chiropractic Physician Practice Act, Sections 61-4-13 and 61-4-14 NMSA 1978.

[16.4.12.3 NMAC - Rp 16.4.12.3 NMAC 8/10/2019]

**16.4.12.4       DURATION:** Permanent.

[16.4.12.4 NMAC - Rp 16.4.12.4 NMAC 8/10/2019]

**16.4.12.5       EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 10, 2019, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.

[16.4.12.5 NMAC - Rp 16.4.12.5 NMAC 8/10/2019]

**16.4.12.6       OBJECTIVE:** To designate licensure status.

[16.4.12.6 NMAC - Rp 16.4.12.6 NMAC 8/10/2019]

**16.4.12.7       DEFINITIONS:** (Refer to 16.4.1 NMAC).

[16.4.12.7 NMAC - Rp 16.4.12.7 NMAC 8/10/2019]

**16.4.12.8       LICENSURE STATUS:**

**A.** There shall be two licensure statuses.

**(1)** Active. An active license entitles a chiropractic physician to engage in the practice of chiropractic by providing professional services to patients within the state of New Mexico. This status may be maintained by following the license renewal procedures as set forth in Subsection A of 16.4.9.8 NMAC and by payment of the required fee as set forth in Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of 16.4.1.13 NMAC.

**(2)** Inactive. An inactive license may be held by a chiropractic physician not engaging in the active practice of chiropractic in New Mexico. This status may be maintained by payment of the required fee as set forth in Subparagraph (b) of Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of 16.4.1.13 NMAC. Continuing education is not required while on inactive status. Inactive status will not be granted for a period of less than one year. The board may consider a petition by the licensee for early reinstatement due to undue hardship or special circumstances.

**B.** Change in licensure status - A change from one status to another shall require a written request to the board.

**C.** A change from inactive status to active status shall require a written license renewal application sent by the board, fulfillment of the continuing education requirements for the year in which the applicant petitions for a change in status and payment of reinstatement of license fees, active renewal fees, impairment fees, and any late fees required by the board. Applicant must include in the application, evidence that applicant meets the current requirements for licensure. If the applicant has been on inactive license status and not been in active practice in another jurisdiction for two or more years and desires to return to active status, a competency test may be required in addition to any other materials deemed reasonably necessary to assure the public safety.

[16.4.12.8 NMAC - Rp 16.4.12.8 NMAC 8/10/2019]

**HISTORY OF 16.4.12 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:** The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

BCE 69-1, Board Rules And Regulations, filed 9/30/1969.

Rule 5-87, Reinstatement Of Temporary Suspension, filed 1/28/1987.

Rule 18-95, License Renewal Procedures, filed 2/20/95.

**History of Repealed Material:** 16.4.12 NMAC, Classification Of Chiropractic Licensure filed 1/31/2006, Repealed effective 8/10/2019.

**Other History:**

That portion of Rule 18-95, License Renewal Procedures (filed 2/20/95) was renumbered, reformatted and replaced by 16 NMAC 4.12, Classification of Chiropractic Licensure, effective 11/16/1997.

16 NMAC 4.12, Classification of Chiropractic Licensure (filed 10/17/97) was renumbered, reformatted, amended and replaced by 16.4.12 NMAC, Classification of Chiropractic Licensure, effective 3/15/2006.

16.4.12 NMAC, Classification Of Chiropractic Licensure filed 1/31/2006 was replaced by 16.4.12 NMAC, Classification Of Chiropractic Licensure effective 8/10/2019.