

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC RULE HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The NM Board of Osteopathic Medicine will hold a rule hearing on Friday, April 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Following the rule hearing, the NM Board of Osteopathic Medicine will convene a board meeting where it may adopt the rule changes and will take care of regular business. The rule hearing and board meeting will be held via Cisco Webex Meetings. Please use the following link:

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To join the meeting by phone: 1-415-655-0002 United States Toll

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The purpose of the rule hearing is to consider proposed amendments to the following rule:  
16.17.2 NMAC – Application for Licensure, Qualifications and Fees

To obtain and review copies of the proposed changes and public comments, you may go to the Board's website at: [http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/OsteopathicMedicine\\_Rules\\_and\\_Laws.aspx](http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/OsteopathicMedicine_Rules_and_Laws.aspx) or contact the Boards and Commissions Division at (505) 476-4622.

The Board is currently accepting public written comments on the proposed amendments. Please submit written comments on the proposed changes to Roberta Perea, Board Administrator, via electronic mail at: [Osteo.Board@state.nm.us](mailto:Osteo.Board@state.nm.us), or by regular mail at P.O. Box 25101, Santa Fe, NM 87504, no later than Thursday, April 8, 2021. Written comments received prior to the rule hearing will be posted to the RLD website at: [http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/OsteopathicMedicine\\_Rules\\_and\\_Laws.aspx](http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/OsteopathicMedicine_Rules_and_Laws.aspx). Persons will also be given the opportunity to present their written or oral comments at the public rule hearing.

The agenda for the board meeting will be posted and available at least 72 hours before the meeting on the Board website at [http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/OsteopathicMedicine\\_Members\\_and\\_Meetings.aspx](http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/OsteopathicMedicine_Members_and_Meetings.aspx). Copies of the rules or the agenda may also be obtained by contacting Roberta Perea, Board Administrator at (505) 476-4622.

An individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Roberta Perea, Board Administrator (505) 476-4622.

**Statutory Authority:** The Osteopathic Medicine Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 61-10-1 through 61-10-22, among other provisions, specifically authorizes the Board to “adopt and promulgate in accordance with the Uniform Licensing Act and the State Rules Act all rules for the implementation and enforcement of the Osteopathic Medicine Act.”  
NMSA 1978 § 61-10-5.

**Purpose of the Proposed Rules:** The proposed rules are intended to bring the definition of a post-graduate license up to date by reflecting existing training programs, to specify the annual renewal fee for a telemedicine license, and to change the examination requirements for a postgraduate training license due to the COVID pandemic making certain exams unavailable.

**Summary of Proposed Changes:**

**16.17.2.3 NMAC – Statutory Authority:**

The amendment to this section is to add a reference to the statutory authority for telemedicine license fees.

**16.17.2.7 – Definitions:**

The amendment to this section is to remove “AACOM” from the definition of a post-graduate license as AACOM no longer administers training programs.

**16.17.2.8 – Fees:**

The amendment to this section is to add an annual renewal fee of \$100 for a telemedicine license.

**16.17.2.15 – Postgraduate Training License:**

The amendment to this section is to remove passage of step 2 of the USMLE or COMLEX-USA exam as a prerequisite for postgraduate training licensure. The step 2 exam was suspended in May of last year due to the COVID pandemic. It would take up to 12-18 months to bring back a revitalized Step 2 exam.