

This is an amendment to 16.10.15 NMAC, Section 9 effective 2/8/2022.

16.10.15.9 LICENSURE PROCESS FOR A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT UNDER SUPERVISION: Each applicant for a license as a physician assistant under supervision shall submit the required fees and following documentation.

A. A completed application for which the applicant has supplied all information and correspondence requested by the board on forms and in a manner acceptable to the board. Applications are valid for one year from the date of receipt.

B. Two letters of recommendation from physicians licensed to practice medicine in the United States or physician assistant program directors, or the director's designee, who have personal knowledge of the applicant's moral character and competence to practice.

C. Verification of licensure in all states where the applicant holds or has held a license to practice as a physician assistant, or other health care profession. Verification must be sent directly to the board from the other state board(s).

D. Verification of all work experience in the last two years, if applicable, provided directly to the board.

E. ~~[All applicants may be scheduled for a personal interview before the board or the board's designee for an interview and must present original documents, as the board requires. The initial license will be issued following completion of any required interview, or approval by a member or agent of the board.]~~ Upon receipt of a completed signed application and fee, a member or agent of the board will review the application and may approve the license. The applicant may be scheduled for a personal interview before the board, a board member designated by the board, or an agent of the board.

F. The initial license is valid until March 1 of the year following expiration of certification by NCCPA or other certifying agency approved by the board.

~~[**G.** License by endorsement from New Mexico board of osteopathic examiners. Applicants who are currently licensed in good standing by the New Mexico board of osteopathic examiners may be licensed by endorsement upon receipt of a verification of licensure directly from the New Mexico board of osteopathic examiners and a supervising physician form signed by the medical doctor who will serve as supervising physician.]~~

~~[**H.**]~~ **G.** All applicants for initial licensure as a physician assistant are subject to a state and national criminal history screening at their expense.

(1) Applications for licensure will not be processed until receipt of the background check requirements verification.

(2) Applications will be processed pending the completion of the nationwide criminal background screening and may be granted while the screening is still pending.

(3) If the criminal background screening reveals a criminal arrest or charge, the applicant/licensee will be notified to submit copies of legal documents and other related information to the board. Failure to report a criminal arrest or charge is a violation of the Medical Practice Act.

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