

This is an amendment to 16.14.12 NMAC, Sections 7, 9 and 10, effective 2/9/2022.

**16.14.12.7 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.

**C.** “**Spouse**” means any partner of a “military service member” or “recent veteran” whose marriage to the “military service member” or “recent veteran” has been legally recognized by any state or country.

**D.** “**License**” has the same meaning as defined in Paragraph (1) of Subsection F of Section 61-1-34 NMSA 1978.

**E.** “**Licensing fee**” has the same meaning as defined in Paragraph (2) of Subsection F of Section 61-1-34 NMSA

**F.** “**Military service member**” has the same meaning as defined in Paragraph (3) of Subsection F of Section 61-1-34 NMSA 1978.

**G.** “**Substantially equivalent**” means the determination by the board that the education, examination, and experience requirements contained in the statutes and rules of another jurisdiction are comparable to, or exceed the education, examination, and experience requirements of the Nutrition and Dietitian Act.

**H.** “**Veteran**” has the same meaning as defined in Paragraph (4) of Subsection F of Section 61-1-34 NMSA 1978.

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**16.14.12.9 FEES:**

**A.** An applicant seeking licensure under 16.14.12 NMAC shall refer to part 2 of Chapter 14 for applicable fees.

**B.** Military service members, spouse, dependents, and veterans shall not pay and the board shall not charge a licensing fee for the first three years for a license if the the military service member, spouse, dependent, or veteran can provide proof of licensure from another state or jurisdiction.

[16.14.12.9 NMAC - N, 03/31/2015; A, 2/9/2022]

**16.14.12.10 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS:**

**A.** A license or certificate issued pursuant to this section shall not be renewed unless the license or certificate holder satisfies the requirements for the issuance and for the renewal of a license or certificate pursuant to Chapter 61, Articles 7A NMSA 1978.

**B.** The licensee or certificate holder issued under 16.14.12 NMAC shall submit the documentation required under the following part: refer to 16.14.3 NMAC requirements for licensure.

**C.** All licenses and certificates issued under 16.14.12 NMAC shall be valid for a period not to exceed one year.

**D.** Prior to the expiration of the license, all licensees or certificate holders shall apply for registration renewal and shall pay the renewal fee as set forth in 16.14.2 NMAC.

**E.** As a courtesy, the board will send via electronic mail license renewal notifications to licensees or registrants before the license expiration date to the last known email address on file with the nutrition & dietetics board. Failure to receive the renewal notification shall not relieve the licensee or registrant of the responsibility of timely renewal on or before the expiration date.

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