

This is an amendment to 16.21.6 NMAC, Section 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and part name change effective 04/23/2022

PART 6 LICENSURE FOR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, SPOUSES, DEPENDENT CHILDREN AND VETERANS

16.21.6.2 SCOPE: This part sets forth application procedures to expedite licensure for military service members, spouses, dependent children and veterans.
[16.21.6.2 NMAC - N, 3/13/2014; A, 04/23/2022]

16.21.6.6 OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this part is to expedite licensure for military service members, spouses, dependent children and veterans pursuant to [~~NMSA 1978, Section 61-1-34~~] Section 61-1-34 NMSA 1978.
[16.21.6.6 NMAC - N, 3/13/2014; A, 04/23/2022]

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

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.~~] “Licensing Fee” has the same meaning as defined in Paragraph (2) of Subsection F of Section 61-1-34 NMSA 1978.

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

D. “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 Podiatry Act, Section 61-8-1 through 61-8-17 NMSA 1978.

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

[16.21.6.7 NMAC - N, 3/13/2014; A, 04/23/2022]

16.21.6.8 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

A. Applications for registration shall be completed on a form provided by the [~~department~~] board.

B. The applicant shall provide a complete application that includes, but is not limited to the following items:

- ~~(1) a completed application and corresponding fee pursuant to 16.21.2.8 NMAC;~~
- ~~(2) satisfactory evidence that the applicant holds a license that is current and in good standing, issued by another jurisdiction, including a branch of the United States armed forces, that has met the minimal licensing requirement that are substantially equivalent to the licensing requirements for the occupational or professional license the applicant applies for pursuant to Chapter 61, Article 8 NMSA 1978; 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.~~

- ~~(1) applicant’s full name;~~
- ~~(2) current mailing address;~~
- ~~(3) current electronic mail address;~~
- ~~(4) date of birth;~~
- ~~(5) background check, if required; and~~
- ~~(6) proof as described in Subsection C below.~~

C. The applicant shall provide the following satisfactory evidence as follows:

- ~~(1) applicant is currently licensed and in good standing in another jurisdiction, including a branch of the United States armed forces;~~

(2) applicant has met the minimal licensing requirements in that jurisdiction and the minimal licensing requirements in the jurisdiction are substantially equivalent to the licensing requirements for New Mexico; and

(3) the following documentation:

(a) for military service member: copy of military orders;

(b) for spouse of military service member: copy of spouse's military orders, and a copy of marriage license;

(c) for spouses of deceased military service members; copy of spouse's DD214 and copy of marriage license;

(d) for dependent children of military service members; copy of military order listing dependent child, or copy of military service member's federal tax return or other governmental or judicial documentation establishing dependency;

(e) for veterans (retired or separated): copy of DD214 showing proof of honorable discharge.

D. the license or registration shall be issued by the board as soon as practicable but no later than thirty days after a qualified military service member, spouse, dependent child, or veteran files a complete application and provides a background check if required for a license, and any required fees.

E. Military service members and veterans shall not pay and the board shall not charge a licensing fee for the first three years for a license issued pursuant to this rule.

F. A license issued pursuant to this section shall be valid for the time period that is specified in the Podiatry Act.

[16.21.6.8 NMAC - N, 3/13/2014; A, 04/23/2022]

16.21.6.9 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS:

A. A license issued pursuant to this section shall not be renewed unless the license holder satisfies the requirements for the issuance and for the renewal of a license pursuant to Chapter 61, Articles 8 NMSA 1978.

~~B. A license issued pursuant to this section shall be valid until the next renewal, which is the next January 1.~~

~~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 post marked or hand delivered on or before January 1 of each year.~~

~~E. To renew a license, the licensee must submit the following documentation on or before January 1 a completed license renewal application, verification of continuing education, and the applicable renewal fee at the time of renewal.~~

~~F. A license issued pursuant to this section shall not be renewed unless the license holder satisfies the requirements for the issuance specified in 16.21.3 or 16.21.4 NMAC and for the renewal of a license specified in 16.21.7 and 16.21.8 NMAC pursuant to Chapter 61, Articles 8 through 16 NMSA 1978.]~~

B. 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 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.

[16.21.6.9 NMAC - N, 3/13/2014; A, 04/23/2022]