This is an amendment to 16.26.11 NMAC, Sections 8 and 9, effective 2/10/2022

16.26.11.8   **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**
 A.   Applications for registration shall be completed on a form provided by the board.
 [**B.**   A completed application shall include:
  (1)   The required fee as outlined in 16.26.6 NMAC;
  (2)   Satisfactory evidence that the applicant for licensure for a military service member, spouse or veteran from another state holds a current license in good standing with no pending disciplinary action, provided the requirements for the current license held meet or exceed requirements for licensure for speech language pathology, audiology or hearing aid dispensing in the State of New Mexico; and
  (3)   Proof of honorable discharge (DD214), military ID card, or other recognized proof of military spouse status.]
 B.   The applicant shall provide a complete application that includes the following information:
  (1)   applicant's full name;
  (2)   current mailing address;
  (3)   current electronic mail address, if any;
  (4)   date of birth;
  (5)   certification that they have not been convicted of any disqualifying criminal convictions as outlined in Subsection E of 16.26.7.8 NMAC;
  (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 that 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 members: copy of military service member's military orders, and copy of marriage license;
   (c)   for spouses of deceased military service members: copy of decedent's DD 214 and copy of marriage license;
   (d)   for dependent children of military service members: copy of military service member's orders listing dependent child, or a copy of military orders and one of the following: copy of birth certificate, military service member's federal tax return or other governmental or judicial documentation establishing dependency;
   (e)   for veterans (retired or separated): copy of DD 214 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 Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act.
[16.26.11.8 NMAC - N, 1/29/2015; A, 11/28/2017; A, 2/10/2022]

16.26.11.9   **RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS:** [A license issued pursuant to this section shall not be renewed unless the license holder submits the following.
 A.   A complete renewal application accompanied by the required documents listed under 16.26.4 NMAC.
 B.   Payment of required renewal fees under 16.26.6 NMAC.
 C.   Documentation required for initial licensure under 16.26.2 NMAC.]

A. A license issued pursuant to this section shall not be renewed unless the license holder satisfies the requirements for renewal set forth in 16.26.4 NMAC pursuant to Chapter 61, Article 14B 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.

[16.26.11.9 NMAC - N, 1/29/2015; A, 2/10/2022]