

**TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**  
**CHAPTER 4 CHIROPRACTIC PRACTITIONERS**  
**PART 3 REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE**

**16.4.3.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Board of Chiropractic Examiners, PO Box 25101, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504.  
[11/16/97; 16.4.3.1 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 4.3.1 1/15/2005]

**16.4.3.2 SCOPE:** Chiropractors for licensure who must take a licensing examination for the state of New Mexico.  
[11/16/97; 16.4.3.2 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 4.3.2, 1/15/2005]

**16.4.3.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** These rules of practice and procedure govern the practice of chiropractic in New Mexico and are promulgated pursuant to and in accordance with the Chiropractic Physician Practice Act, Sections 61-4-3.G and 61-4-4 NMSA 1978.  
[11/16/97; 16.4.3.3 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 4.3.3, 1/15/2005]

**16.4.3.4 DURATION:** Permanent.  
[11/16/97; 16.4.3.4 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 4.3.4, 1/15/2005]

**16.4.3.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 16, 1997, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[11/16/97; 16.4.3.5 NMAC - Rn & A, 16 NMAC 4.3.5, 1/15/2005]

**16.4.3.6 OBJECTIVE:** To outline the documents necessary for candidates who must complete the application process for examination.  
[11/16/97; 16.4.3.6 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 4.3.6, 1/15/2005]

**16.4.3.7 DEFINITIONS:** (Refer to 16.4.1 NMAC).  
[11/16/97; 16.4.3.7 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 4.3.7, 1/15/2005]

**16.4.3.8 APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE:**

A. The board shall recognize successful completion of all parts of the examination conducted by the national board of chiropractic examiners. If the applicant has not completed all IV parts and physiotherapy of the national board of examiner then the New Mexico chiropractic board shall examine each applicant in the act of chiropractic adjusting, procedures and methods as shall reveal the applicants qualifications. The board may waive the requirements for the board administered examination and request proof of satisfactory completion of any missing exam conducted by the national board of chiropractic examiners at the time of the applicants graduation from chiropractic college. The applicant must also complete the state jurisprudence exam with a score of at least 75%. No application for licensure under the Chiropractic Physician Practice Act, Sections 61-4-1 through 61-4-17 NMSA 1978, shall be deemed complete until the board's administrator certifies that the application contains all of the following:

- (1) a completed application form;
- (2) a nonrefundable application fee of \$350.00 payable by cashier's check or money order;
- (3) letter size, copy of original chiropractic diploma;
- (4) 2" x 2" photograph attached to the application;
- (5) transcript from the national board of chiropractic examiners (parts I, II, III, IV and physiotherapy exam), demonstration a passing score;
- (6) all transcripts must be sent directly from each agency to the New Mexico board;
- (7) verification of licensure and good standing in any state where the applicant holds a current or inactive license must be sent directly from a state licensing agency to the New Mexico board;
- (8) the applicant has had no disciplinary action imposed, or criminal convictions, applicant agrees to a national practitioners databank, a federation of chiropractic licensing boards background check, and will sign a criminal record releases.

B. All Applications deemed completed by the board's administer shall be forwarded to the board's licensing committee with all the supporting information related to the applications. After review of the applications and supporting information the committee shall submit their recommendations to the board for consideration.

C. No applicant shall be reviewed for approval until the application is complete.

D. If an applicant does not meet the minimal requirements as set forth above, applicant may, at the discretion of the board, be required to take and pass part I, II, III, IV, physiotherapy exam, other NBCE specialty examination or the special purpose examination (SPEC) of the national boards, or any combination thereof.

E. The board may designate a professional background information service, which compiles background information regarding an applicant from multiple sources.

[2/27/87, 5/26/89, 9/5/91, 2/12/93, 11/16/97, 10/31/98, 1/29/99; 16.4.3.8 NMAC - Rn & A, 16 NMAC 4.3.8, 1/15/2005; A, 3/15/06; A, 8/30/06; A, 08/9/08; A, 11/13/2011; A, 1/30/15]

**16.4.3.9 [RESERVED]**

[1/29/99; 16.4.3.9 NMAC - Rn & A, 16 NMAC 4.3.9, 1/15/2005; A, 3/15/06; Repealed, 08/9/08]

**HISTORY OF 16.4.3 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:** The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

Rule 7-87, Application for Licensure, filed 1/28/87.

Rule 7-89, Application for Licensure, filed 4/26/89.

Rule 7-91, Application for Licensure, filed 8/6/91.

Rule 7-93, Application for Licensure, filed 1/13/93.

**History of Repealed Material: [RESERVED]**

**Other History:**

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