

21 NCAC 32S .0220 is proposed for amendment as follows:

**21 NCAC 32S .0220      EXPEDITED APPLICATION FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSURE**

(a) An physician assistant who has been licensed, certified, or authorized to practice in at least one other state, the District of Columbia, U.S. Territory or Canadian province for at least five years, has been in active clinical practice during the past two years and who has a clean license application, as defined in Paragraph (c) of this Rule, may apply for a license on an expedited basis.

(b) In order to apply for an expedited Physician Assistant License, an applicant shall:

- (1) submit a completed application, using the Board's form, attesting under oath that the information on the application is true and complete, and authorizing the release to the Board of all information pertaining to the application;
- (2) submit documentation of a legal name change, if applicable;
- (3) on the Board's form, submit a recent photograph, at least two inches by two inches, certified as a true likeness of the applicant by a notary public;
- (4) supply a certified copy of applicant's birth certificate if applicant was born in the United States or a certified copy of a valid and unexpired US passport. If the applicant does not possess proof of U.S. citizenship, the applicant must provide information about applicant's immigration and work status, which the Board will use to verify applicant's ability to work lawfully in the United States;
- (5) provide proof that applicant had held an active license, certification or authorization as a physician assistant in at least one other state or jurisdiction for the last five years immediately preceding this application;
- (6) submit proof of successful completion of the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination;
- (7) submit proof of current certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants;
- (8) provide proof of an active clinical practice, providing patient care for an average of 20 hours or more per week, for at least the last two years;
- (9) submit a NPDB/HIPDB report dated within 60 days of applicant's oath;
- (10) submit a FSMB Board Action Data Bank report;
- (11) submit two completed fingerprint cards supplied by the Board;
- (12) submit a signed consent form allowing a search of local, state, and national files to disclose any criminal record;
- (13) pay to the Board a non-refundable fee of ~~two hundred dollars (\$200.00)~~, two hundred thirty dollars (\$230.00), as required by 21 NCAC 32S .0202, plus the cost of a criminal background check;
- (14) upon request, supply any additional information the Board deems necessary to evaluate the applicant's qualifications.

(c) A clean license application means that the physician assistant has none of the following:

- (1) professional liability insurance claim(s) or payment(s);
  - (2) criminal record;
  - (3) medical condition(s) which could affect the physician assistant's ability to practice safely;
  - (4) regulatory board complaint(s), investigation(s), or action(s) (including applicant's withdrawal of a license application);
  - (5) adverse action taken by a health care institution;
  - (6) investigation(s) or action(s) taken by a federal agency, the US military, medical societies or associations; or
  - (7) suspension or expulsion from any school, including an educational program for physician assistants.
- (d) All reports must be submitted directly to the Board from the primary source, when possible.
- (e) An application must be completed within one year of the date on which the application fee is paid. If not, the applicant shall be charged a new application fee.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-9.3; 90-13.1;*  
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