

21 NCAC 32B .1350 REINSTATEMENT OF PHYSICIAN LICENSE

(a) Reinstatement is for a physician who has held a North Carolina License, but whose license either has been inactive for more than one year, or whose license became inactive as a result of disciplinary action (revocation or suspension) taken by the Board. It also applies to a physician who has surrendered a license prior to charges being filed by the Board.

(b) All applicants for reinstatement shall:

- (1) submit a completed application, attesting under oath that 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) supply a certified copy of applicant's birth certificate if the 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;
- (4) If a graduate of a medical school other than those approved by LCME, AOA, COCA or CACMS, shall furnish an original ECFMG certification status report of a currently valid certification of the ECFMG. The ECFMG certification status report requirement shall be waived if:
 - (A) the applicant has passed the ECFMG examination and successfully completed an approved Fifth Pathway program (original ECFMG score transcript from the ECFMG required); or
 - (B) the applicant has been licensed in another state on the basis of a written examination before the establishment of the ECFMG in 1958;
- (5) submit reports from all state medical or osteopathic boards from which the applicant has ever held a medical or osteopathic license, indicating the status of the applicant's license and whether or not any action has been taken against the license;
- (6) submit the AMA Physician Profile; and, if applicant is an osteopathic physician, also submit the AOA Physician Profile;
- (7) submit a NPDB/HIPDB report dated within 60 days of the application's submission;
- (8) submit a FSMB Board Action Data Bank report;
- (9) submit documentation of CME obtained in the last three years, upon request;
- (10) submit two completed fingerprint cards supplied by the Board;
- (11) submit a signed consent form allowing a search of local, state, and national files to disclose any criminal record;
- (12) provide two original references from persons with no family or material relationship to the applicant. These references must be:
 - (A) from physicians who have observed the applicant's work in a clinical environment within the past three years;
 - (B) on forms supplied by the Board;
 - (C) dated within six months of submission of the application; and
 - (D) bearing the original signature of the author;
- (13) pay to the Board a non-refundable fee pursuant to G.S. 90-13.1(a), plus the cost of a criminal background check; and
- (14) upon request, supply any additional information the Board deems necessary to evaluate the applicant's qualifications.

(c) In addition to the requirements of Paragraph (b) of this Rule, the applicant shall submit proof that the applicant has:

- (1) within the past 10 years taken and passed either:
 - (A) an exam listed in G.S. 90-10.1 (a state board licensing examination; NBME; NBOME; USMLE; FLEX; COMLEX; or MCCQE or their successors);
 - (B) SPEX (with a score of 75 or higher); or
 - (C) COMVEX (with a score of 75 or higher);
- (2) within the past ten years obtained certification or recertification of CAQ by a specialty board recognized by the ABMS, CCFP, FRCP, FRCS or AOA;
- (3) within the past 10 years completed GME approved by ACGME, CFPC, RCPSC or AOA; or
- (4) within the past three years completed CME as required by 21 NCAC 32R .0101(a), .0101(b), and .0102.

(d) All reports must be submitted directly to the Board from the primary source, when possible.

(e) An applicant shall be required to appear in person for an interview with the Board or its agent to evaluate the applicant's competence and character, if the Board needs more information to complete the application.

(f) An application must be complete within one year of submission. If not, the applicant shall be charged another application fee, plus the cost of another criminal background check.

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-8.1; 90-9.1; 90-10.1; 90-13.1;

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