

APPLICATION FOR MILITARY RELOCATION (SCRA) LICENSE – PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT CHECKLIST

This license application is solely for military service members or spouses of military servicemembers that have been relocated to North Carolina pursuant to military orders. The following checklist is designed to assist applicants in submitting the necessary materials needed during the application process. Delays often occur when applicants fail to provide the required information to the Board. **Please note: Any change in eligibility for the Military Relocation (SCRA) License, such as a change in military orders to another state, must be reported to the Board within 15 days.**

1. Online application

Complete the online application and pay the application fee.

2. Name change documentation (if applicable)

Documentation of a legal name change (marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc). Documentation can be uploaded to your application via the gateway.

3. Military Orders

Provide documentation of current military orders indicating relocation to North Carolina for military service. If the applicant is the spouse of a military service member and is relocating to North Carolina, documentation of the marriage and relocation orders is required.

4. Out-of-State/Country Licenses

Applicants must secure a report from one state, US territory, or Canadian province where they currently hold a full unrestricted active license. This report must come directly from the Licensing Board and indicate whether the licensee is in good standing, has had any open investigations, and whether there has been any discipline in the past 5 years.

5. Applicant Fingerprints

Applicants must provide fingerprints in order for the North Carolina Medical Board to conduct State and Federal criminal history record checks. There is a \$38 fee from the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (NCSBI) to cover the processing of the record check. This fee will be added to your NCMB licensee fee at the end of the online application. Questions regarding the fingerprinting process should be emailed to the License Department at license@ncmedboard.org.

If you are completing your fingerprinting outside of North Carolina:

- Obtain **two (2)** FD-258 fingerprint cards from your local law enforcement office (or Amazon if not provided).
- Once fingerprint cards have been completed, mail **both** cards to:

North Carolina Medical Board
3127 Smoketree Ct.
Raleigh, NC 27604

If you are completing your fingerprinting inside North Carolina:

DO NOT do Live Scan until after you have completed your application and paid the application fee.

Go to a fingerprinting agency that does Live Scan. **Be sure to confirm that the prints will be sent directly to the NCSBI. If not, we will not receive the results, which will delay your application.** Photo identification and a fee may be required by the agency performing the service.

If you are unable to be fingerprinted electronically, follow the instructions for completing fingerprints outside of North Carolina.

For detailed information about the fingerprint requirements, view [the fingerprint guidance instructions](#).

6. Applicant's oath and photo

At the end of the application, complete the attestation and applicant's oath. A military-issued photo ID is required to complete the application.

7. NPDB and FSMB Profiles

NCMB will download the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) profiles once all requirements are met. These documents cannot be provided by the applicant.

8. Supporting Documentation

If applicable, supporting documentation may be required.

Upon completion of the initial application, NCMB will contact the applicant with information on completing an initial registration for military licenses. This information will be available on the NCMB website in the provider lookup area.

1. Online application:

Complete the online application, including your name, address, areas of practice, education, and NCCPA certification.

2. Questionnaire:

Applicants must answer questions pertaining to:

- Complaints, investigations, or adverse actions by other licensing boards, regulatory boards, or agencies
- Withdrawal, denial, surrender, restrictions, or limitations of a license application, license, or renewal.
- The use of controlled substances or prescription drugs obtained illegally or improperly; illicit or illegal drug use; or impairment due to alcohol or other substances. (These questions do not apply to anonymous participants in the NC Professionals Health Program who are in compliance with their agreement.)
- Cancellation, denial, or nonrenewal of any professional liability insurance
- Separation or discharge other than honorably from the U.S. military, Veterans' Administration, or public health service
- Acknowledgment of NC employee misclassification law and reporting investigations for employee misclassification
- Malpractice cases.

3. Immigration/Legal Resident Status

U.S. citizens must submit a photocopy of one of the following:

- 1) Birth certificate

- 2) Valid, unexpired U.S. passport

Not a U.S. citizen? Provide a photocopy of one of the following:

- 1) Alien Registration Card or Green Card (form I-555)
- 2) Employment Authorization Document (form I-688 B or I-766)
- 3) Certification of Report of Birth (form DS-1350)
- 4) Arrival/Departure Record (form I-94)
- 5) Other documentation providing lawful U.S. status

Documentation can be uploaded to your application via the gateway.

4. Supporting Documentation

If applicable, supporting documentation for the following may be required:

1. Actions taken against you by a health care institution;
2. Regulatory actions by licensing boards, regulatory boards, or agencies
3. Malpractice actions – if applicable, you will be asked to provide a copy of the plaintiff's complaint, a copy of the judgment, award, payment, or settlement documents.

5. Additional Documentation

Upon request, supply any additional information the Board deems necessary to evaluate your competence and character.

6. Interview

You will be notified if a personal interview is required.

Annual Renewal:

NC law requires licensed physicians to renew their licenses with the Board within 30 days of their birthday each year, regardless of when the license was issued. A renewal fee is required.

Please note:

Once your military relocation license is issued, you may request to have your license converted to a full license at no cost as long as that request is made within the first year of licensure. This will require going through the application process; however, any documentation that can be used from the original application will be used for the full license application.

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