

1 **21 NCAC 32S .0202 is proposed to be amended as follows:**

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3 **21 NCAC 32S .0202 QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE**

4 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Subchapter, an individual shall obtain a license from the Board before
5 practicing as a physician assistant. An applicant for a physician assistant license shall:

- 6 (1) submit a completed application, available at www.ncmedboard.org, to the Board;
- 7 (2) meet the requirements set forth in G.S. 90-9.3 and has not committed any of the acts listed in G.S.
8 90-14;
- 9 (3) supply a certified copy of applicant's birth certificate if the applicant was born in the United States
10 or a certified copy of a valid and unexpired U.S. passport. If the applicant does not possess proof
11 of U.S. citizenship, the applicant shall provide information about the applicant's immigration and
12 work status that the Board shall use to verify applicant's ability to work lawfully in the United
13 States;
- 14 (4) submit to the Board proof that the applicant completed a Physician Assistant Educational
15 Program. He or she shall also show successful completion of the Physician Assistant National
16 Certifying Examination;
- 17 (5) pay to the Board a non-refundable fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) plus the cost of a criminal
18 background check. There is no fee to apply for a physician assistant limited volunteer license;
- 19 (6) submit National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data
20 Bank (HIPDB) reports. These reports shall be requested by the applicant and submitted to the
21 Board within 60 days of the request;
- 22 (7) submit a Board Action Data Bank Inquiry from the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB).
23 This report shall be requested by the applicant and submitted to the Board within 60 days of the
24 request;
- 25 (8) submit to the Board two complete original fingerprint record cards, on fingerprint record cards
26 supplied by the Board upon request;
- 27 (9) submit to the Board a signed consent form allowing a search of local, state, and national files to
28 disclose any criminal record;
- 29 (10) disclose whether he or she has ever been suspended from, placed on academic probation, expelled,
30 or required to resign from any school, including a PA educational program;
- 31 (11) attest that he or she has no license, certificate, or registration as a physician assistant currently
32 under discipline, revocation, suspension, or probation or any other adverse action resulting from a
33 health care licensing board;
- 34 (12) certify that he or she is mentally and physically able to safely practice as a physician assistant and
35 is of good moral character;
- 36 (13) provide the Board with ~~three~~ two original recommendation forms dated within six months of the
37 application. These recommendations shall come from persons under whom the applicant has

1 worked or trained who are familiar with the applicant's academic competence, clinical skills, and
2 character. At least one reference form shall be from a physician and two reference forms must be
3 from peers under whom the applicant has worked or trained. References shall not be from any
4 family member or in the case of applicants who have not been licensed anywhere, references shall
5 not be from fellow students of the applicant's Educational Program;

6 (14) if two years or more have passed since graduation from a Physician Assistant Educational
7 Program, document that he or she has completed at least 100 hours of continuing medical
8 education (CME) during the preceding two years, at least 50 hours of which must be recognized
9 by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants as Category I ~~CME~~; and
10 CME. An applicant who is currently certified with the NCCPA will be deemed in compliance
11 with this Rule; and

12 (15) supply any other information the Board deems necessary to evaluate the applicant's qualifications,
13 including explanation or documentation of the information required in this Rule.

14 (b) An applicant may be required to appear in person for an interview with the Board, if the Board determines in its
15 discretion that more information is needed to evaluate the application.

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18 *Eff. September 1, 2009;*
19 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2016; May 1, 2015; March 1, 2011.*