

1 21 NCAC 32B .1303 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 32B .1303 APPLICATION FOR PHYSICIAN LICENSE**

4 (a) In order to obtain a ~~Physician License~~, physician license, an applicant shall:

- 5 (1) submit a completed application, attesting under oath or affirmation that the information on the
6 application is true and complete and authorizing the release to the Board of all information
7 pertaining to the application;
- 8 (2) submit a photograph, two inches by two inches, affixed to the oath or affirmation which has been
9 attested to by a notary public;
- 10 (3) submit documentation of a legal name change, if applicable;
- 11 (4) supply a certified copy of applicant's birth certificate if the applicant was born in the United States
12 or a certified copy of a valid and unexpired US passport. If the applicant does not possess proof of
13 U.S. citizenship, the applicant must provide information about applicant's immigration and work
14 status which the Board will use to verify applicant's ability to work lawfully in the United States;
- 15 (5) submit proof on the Board's Medical Education Certification form that the applicant has completed
16 at least 130 weeks of medical education and received a medical degree. However, the Board shall
17 waive the 130 week requirement if the applicant has been certified or recertified by an ABMS,
18 CCFP, FRCP, FRCS or AOA approved specialty board within the past 10 years;
- 19 (6) for an applicant who has graduated from a medical or osteopathic school approved by the LCME,
20 the CACMS or COCA, meet the requirements set forth in G.S. 90-9.1;
- 21 (7) for an applicant graduating from a medical school not approved by the LCME, meet the
22 requirements set forth in G.S. 90-9.2;
- 23 (8) provide proof of passage of an examination testing general medical knowledge. In addition to the
24 examinations set forth in G.S. 90-10.1 (a state board licensing examination; NBME; USMLE;
25 FLEX, or their successors), the Board accepts the following examinations (or their successors) for
26 licensure:
 - 27 (A) COMLEX,
 - 28 (B) NBOME, and
 - 29 (C) MCCQE;
- 30 (9) submit proof that the applicant has completed graduate medical education as required by G.S. 90-
31 9.1 or 90-9.2, as follows:
 - 32 (A) A graduate of a medical school approved by LCME, CACMS or COCA shall have
33 satisfactorily completed at least one year of graduate medical education approved by
34 ACGME, CFPC, RCPSC or AOA.
 - 35 (B) A graduate of a medical school not approved by LCME shall have satisfactorily
36 completed three years of graduate medical education approved by ACGME, CFPC,
37 RCPSC or AOA.

- 1 (C) An applicant may satisfy the graduate medical education requirements of Parts (A) or (B)
2 of this Subparagraph by showing proof of current certification by a specialty board
3 recognized by the ABMS, CCFP, FRCP, FRCS or AOA;
- 4 (10) submit a FCVS profile:
- 5 (A) If the applicant is a graduate of a medical school approved by LCME, CACMS or
6 COCA, and the applicant previously has completed a FCVS profile; or
- 7 (B) If the applicant is a graduate of a medical school other than those approved by LCME,
8 COCA or CACMS;
- 9 (11) if a graduate of a medical school other than those approved by LCME, AOA, COCA or CACMS,
10 furnish an original ECFMG certification status report of a currently valid certification of the
11 ECFMG. The ECFMG certification status report requirement shall be waived if:
- 12 (A) the applicant has passed the ECFMG examination and successfully completed an
13 approved Fifth Pathway program (original ECFMG score transcript from the ECFMG
14 required); or
- 15 (B) the applicant has been licensed in another state on the basis of a written examination
16 before the establishment of the ECFMG in 1958;
- 17 (12) submit an AMA Physician Profile and, if applicant is an osteopathic physician, also submit an
18 AOA Physician Profile;
- 19 (13) if applying on the basis of the USMLE, submit:
- 20 (A) a transcript from the FSMB showing a score on USMLE Step 1, both portions of Step 2
21 (clinical knowledge and clinical skills) and Step 3; and
- 22 (B) proof that the applicant has passed each step within three attempts. However, the Board
23 shall waive the three attempt requirement if the applicant has been certified or recertified
24 by an ABMS, CCFP, FRCP, ~~FRCS or FRCS~~, AOA or ABOMS approved specialty board
25 within the past 10 years;
- 26 (14) if applying on the basis of COMLEX, submit:
- 27 (A) a transcript from the NBOME showing a score on COMLEX Level 1, both portions of
28 Level 2 (cognitive evaluation and performance evaluation) and Level 3; and
- 29 (B) proof that the applicant has passed COMLEX within three attempts. However, the Board
30 shall waive the three attempt requirement if the applicant has been certified or recertified
31 by an ABMS, CCFP, FRCP, ~~FRCS or FRCS~~, AOA or ABOMS approved specialty board
32 within the past 10 years;
- 33 (15) if applying on the basis of any other board-approved examination, submit a transcript showing a
34 passing score;
- 35 ~~(16) submit a NPDB / HIPDB report, dated within 60 days of submission of the application;~~
- 36 ~~(17) submit a FSMB Board Action Data Report;~~
- 37 ~~(18)~~(16) submit two completed fingerprint record cards supplied by the Board;

1 ~~(19)~~(17) submit a signed consent form allowing a search of local, state, and national files for any criminal
2 record;

3 ~~(20)~~(18) provide two original references from persons with no family or marital relationship to the
4 applicant. These references must be:

5 (A) from physicians who have observed the applicant's work in a clinical environment within
6 the past three years;

7 (B) on forms supplied by the Board;

8 (C) dated within six months of the submission of the application; and

9 (D) bearing the original signature of the writer;

10 ~~(21)~~(19) pay to the Board a non-refundable fee pursuant to G.S. 90-13.1(a), plus the cost of a criminal
11 background check; and

12 ~~(22)~~(20) upon request, supply any additional information the Board deems necessary to evaluate the
13 applicant's competence and character.

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

16 (1) within the past 10 years taken and passed either:

17 (A) an exam listed in G.S. 90-10.1 (a state board licensing examination; NBOME; USMLE;
18 COMLEX; or MCCQE or their successors);

19 (B) SPEX (with a score of 75 or higher); or

20 (C) COMVEX (with a score of 75 or higher);

21 (2) within the past 10 years:

22 (A) obtained certification or recertification or CAQ by a specialty board recognized by the
23 ABMS, CCFP, FRCP, ~~FRCS or AOA~~; FRCS, AOA or ABOMS; or

24 (B) met requirements for ABMS MOC (maintenance of certification) or AOA OCC
25 (Osteopathic continuous certification);

26 (3) within the past 10 years completed GME approved by ACGME, CFPC, RCPSC or AOA; or

27 (4) within the past three years completed CME as required by 21 NCAC 32R .0101(a), .0101(b), and
28 .0102.

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

30 (d) An applicant shall appear in person for an interview with the Board or its agent, if the Board needs more
31 information to complete the application.

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

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