

1 21 NCAC 32B .2001 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 32B .2001 EXPEDITED APPLICATION FOR PHYSICIAN LICENSE**

4 ~~(a) A specialty board certified physician who has been licensed in at least one other state, the District of Columbia,~~  
5 ~~U.S. territory or Canadian province for at least five years, has been in active clinical practice the past two years; and~~  
6 ~~who has a clean license application, as defined in Paragraph (c) of this Rule may apply for a license on an expedited~~  
7 ~~basis. A physician who meets the qualifications listed in this rule may apply for a license on an expedited basis.~~

8 (b) An applicant for an expedited Physician License shall:

- 9 (1) complete the Board's application form, attesting under oath or affirmation that the information on  
10 the application is true and complete, and authorizing the release to the Board of all information  
11 pertaining to the application;
- 12 (2) submit documentation of a legal name change, if applicable;
- 13 (3) on the Board's form, submit a photograph taken within the past year, two inches by two inches,  
14 attested to or affirmed by the applicant as a true likeness of the applicant before a notary public;
- 15 (4) supply a certified copy of applicant's birth certificate if the applicant was born in the United States  
16 or a certified copy of a valid and unexpired US passport. If the applicant does not possess proof  
17 of U.S. citizenship, the applicant must provide information about applicant's immigration and  
18 work status which the Board will use to verify applicant's ability to work lawfully in the United  
19 ~~States; States. Applicants who are not present in the U.S. and who do not plan to practice~~  
20 ~~physically in the U.S. shall submit a statement to that effect;~~

21 ~~(Note: there may be some applicants who are not present in the U.S. and who do not plan to practice~~  
22 ~~physically in the U.S. Those applicants shall submit a statement to that effect);~~

- 23 (5) provide proof that applicant has held an active unrestricted license to practice medicine in at least  
24 one other state, the District of Columbia, U.S. Territory or Canadian province continuously for ~~at~~  
25 ~~least a minimum of~~ five years immediately preceding this application;
- 26 (6) provide proof of clinical practice providing patient care for an average of 20 hours or more per  
27 week, for at least the last two years;
- 28 (7) provide proof of:
- 29 (A) current certification or current recertification by an ABMS, CCFP, FRCP, FRCS, ~~or~~  
30 ~~AOA-AOA, or ABOMS~~ approved specialty board obtained within the past 10 years; or
- 31 (B) obtained certification or recertification of CAQ by a specialty board recognized by the  
32 ABMS, CCFP, FRCP, FRCS or AOA; or
- 33 (C) met requirements for ABMS MOC (maintenance of certification) or AOA OCC  
34 ~~(Osteopathic continuous Certification); certification);~~
- 35 ~~(8) if the applicant is a graduate of a medical school other than those approved by LCME, AOA,~~  
36 ~~COCA or CACMS, the applicant shall furnish an original ECFMG certification status report of a~~  
37 ~~currently valid certification of the ECFMG. The ECFMG certification status report requirement~~

1 shall be waived if the applicant has passed the ECH+FMG examination and successfully  
2 completed an approved Fifth Pathway program (original ECFMG score transcript from the  
3 ECFMG required).

4 ~~(8)~~(9) submit an AMA Physician Profile; and, if applicant is an osteopathic physician submit an AOA  
5 Physician Profile;

6 ~~(9)~~ submit a NPDB/HIPDB report dated within 60 days of the applicant's oath;

7 ~~(10)~~ submit a FSMB Board Action Data Bank report;

8 ~~(11)~~(10) submit two completed fingerprint record cards supplied by the Board;

9 ~~(12)~~(11) submit a signed consent form allowing a search of local, state and national files to disclose any  
10 criminal record;

11 ~~(13)~~(12) pay to the Board a non-refundable fee pursuant to G.S. 90-13.1(a) ~~of three hundred fifty dollars~~  
12 ~~(\$350.00)~~, plus the cost of a criminal background check; and

13 ~~(14)~~(13) upon request, supply any additional information the Board deems necessary to evaluate the  
14 applicant's qualifications.

15 (c) A clean physician applying for an expedited license application means that the physician has none of the  
16 following: must:

17 (1) not have any professional liability insurance claim(s) or ~~payment(s); payments(s) within the past~~  
18 10 years;

19 (2) not have any criminal ~~record; conviction;~~

20 (3) not have any medical condition(s) which could affect the physician's ability to practice safely;

21 (4) not have any regulatory board complaint(s), investigation(s), or action(s) (including applicant's  
22 withdrawal of a license ~~application); application) within the past 10 years;~~

23 (5) not have any adverse ~~action action(s) taken by a health care institution; institution within the past~~  
24 10 years;

25 (6) not have any adverse ~~investigation(s) or action(s) taken by a federal agency, the U.S. military,~~  
26 medical societies or ~~associations; within the past 10 years;~~

27 ~~(7) suspension or expulsion from any school, including medical school.~~

28 ~~(8) graduation from any United States or Canadian medical school that is not LCME or CACMS~~  
29 ~~approved; or~~

30 ~~(9) has passed no licensing examination other than Puerto Rico Written Examination/Revalida.~~

31 ~~(7)~~ have passed an examination testing general medical knowledge. In addition to the examinations  
32 set forth in G.S. 90-10.1 (a state board licensing examination: NBME; USMLE; FLEX or their  
33 successors). The Board accepts the following examinations (or their successors) for licensure:

34 (A) COMLEX;

35 (B) NBOME; and

36 (C) MCCQE.

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

1 ~~(e) The application process must be completed within one year of the date on which the application fee is paid. If~~  
2 ~~not, the applicant shall be charged a new applicant fee.~~

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4 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-9.1; 90-5; 90-11; 90-13.1;*

5 *Eff. August 1, 2010;*

6 *Amended Eff. November 1, 2013;*

7 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 1,*  
8 *2016.*

9 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2019.*

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