

## SECTION .2000 – EXPEDITED APPLICATION FOR PHYSICIAN LICENSE

### 21 NCAC 32B .2001 EXPEDITED APPLICATION FOR PHYSICIAN LICENSE

- (a) A physician who meets the qualifications listed in this Rule may apply for a license on an expedited basis.
- (b) An applicant for an expedited physician license shall:
- (1) complete the Board's application attesting under oath or affirmation that the 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) submit a photograph, two inches by two inches, affixed to the oath or affirmation that has been attested to by a notary public;
  - (4) supply a certified copy of applicant's birth certificate if the applicant was born in the U.S. or a certified copy of a valid and unexpired U.S. passport. If the applicant does not possess proof of U.S. citizenship, the applicant must provide information about applicant's immigration and work status that the Board will use to verify applicant's ability to work lawfully in the U.S. Applicants who are not present in the U.S. and who do not plan to practice physically in the U.S. shall submit a statement to that effect;
  - (5) provide proof that applicant has held an active unrestricted license to practice medicine in at least one other state, the District of Columbia, U.S. Territory or Canadian province continuously for a minimum of five years immediately preceding this application;
  - (6) provide proof of clinical practice providing patient care for an average of 20 hours or more per week, for at least the last two years;
  - (7) provide proof of:
    - (A) current certification or current recertification by an ABMS, CCFP, FRCP, FRCS, AOA, or American Board of Maxillofacial Surgery approved specialty board obtained within the past 10 years; or
    - (B) obtained certification or recertification of CAQ by a specialty board recognized by the ABMS, CCFP, FRCP, FRCS, or AOA;
    - (C) met requirements for ABMS MOC (maintenance of certification) or AOA OCC (Osteopathic continuous certification);
  - (8) if the applicant is a graduate of a medical school other than those approved by LCME, AOA, COCA, or CACMS, the applicant 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 the applicant has passed the ECFMG examination and successfully completed an approved Fifth Pathway program (original ECFMG score transcript from the ECFMG required);
  - (9) submit an AMA Physician Profile and, if the applicant is an osteopathic physician, also submit an AOA Physician Profile;
  - (10) submit two completed fingerprint record cards supplied by the Board;
  - (11) submit a signed consent allowing a search of local, state and national files to disclose any criminal record;
  - (12) 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
  - (13) upon request, supply any additional information the Board deems necessary to evaluate the applicant's qualifications.
- (c) A physician applying for an expedited license must:
- (1) not have any professional liability insurance claim(s) or payments(s) within the past 10 years;
  - (2) not have any criminal conviction;
  - (3) not have any medical conditions that could affect the physician's ability to practice safely;
  - (4) not have any regulatory board complaints, investigations, or actions (including applicant's withdrawal of a license application) within the past 10 years;
  - (5) not have any adverse actions taken by a health care institution within the past 10 years;
  - (6) not have any adverse actions taken by a federal agency, the U.S. military, or medical societies within the past 10 years;

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

- (A) COMLEX;
- (B) NBOME; and
- (C) MCCQE.

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

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-5.1(a)(3); 90-9.1; 90-9.2; 90-11; 90-13.1;  
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