

# Displaced Worker Emergency License: Physician

## 16.10.2.16 NMAC

When a federal emergency declaration is in effect in another state, a physician in good standing from the affected state or an unlicensed physician, whose application for licensure was pending in the affected state at the time of the emergency, can obtain a federal emergency license, by examination or endorsement, to practice in New Mexico. If possible, they must demonstrate proof of current licensure or application for licensure and must provide any other documents requested by the Medical Board.

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## PROVISIONS FOR PHYSICIAN LICENSURE DURING A DECLARED DISASTER

The board will make accommodations for physicians who have been impacted by a major disaster. Based on the nature of the disaster, the extent of the damage, and the number of individuals and institutions that have been affected, the board may waive documentation requirements for any new or pending applications when the disaster delays or prohibits the procuring of the required documents. The board may also waive any required fees for applications submitted after the major disaster. The board will determine the length of time the emergency provisions will be in effect for each major disaster that results in applications for a federal emergency license.

A. Federal emergency license by examination. Physicians currently licensed in a state in which a major disaster has been declared may be issued a federal emergency license in New Mexico. The board may waive specific documentation required in Subsection B through E of 16.10.2.9 NMAC if the applicant is unable to obtain the documentation from individuals or institutions located in the disaster area. Nothing in this provision shall constitute a waiver of the requirements for licensure contained in Subsection A of 16.10.2.9 NMAC.

B. Federal emergency license by endorsement. Physicians currently licensed in a state in which a major disaster

has been issued a federal emergency license in New Mexico. The board may waive specific requirements of Subsection B of 16.10.2.10 NMAC if the applicant is unable to obtain the documentation from individuals or institutions located in the disaster area. Nothing in this provision shall constitute a waiver of the requirements for licensure contained in Subsection A of 16.10.2.10 NMAC. The following requirements will apply to applicants under this provision

(1) a completed signed application, is required, accompanied by proof of identity, which may include a copy of a drivers license, passport or other photo identification issued by a governmental entity;

(2) the board will consider the required three years of practice experience to be met through any combination of postgraduate medical education and actual work experience;

(3) the board may waive any requirements for recommendation forms or verification of work experience forms;

(4) other required verification will be obtained online by board staff to include: current licensure status, national practitioners data bank, federation of state medical board disciplinary database, American medical association records of education and postgraduate training, and the records of the American board of medical specialties to confirm board certification status.

C. License expiration. Initial federal emergency licenses shall be valid for not less than three months or more than fifteen months. Licenses shall be renewed on July 1 following the date of issue, pursuant to 16.10.7 NMAC. The board reserves the right to request additional documentation, including but not limited to recommendation forms and work experience verification forms prior to approving license renewal. At the time a federal emergency license is approved for renewal it will be transferred to a full medical license.