

Displaced Worker Emergency License: Podiatric Physician

16.21.5.12 NMAC

When a federal emergency declaration is in effect in another state, a podiatric physician in good standing from the affected state can obtain an emergency license to practice in New Mexico by demonstrating proof of current licensure and residency, completing an application, and providing any other documents requested by the Board of Podiatry.

This section is limited to up to 4 months after the declaration.

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY LICENSE DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

A. Podiatric physicians currently licensed and in good standing, or otherwise meeting the requirements for New Mexico licensure, in a state in which a disaster has been declared by federal authorities, may apply for a license in New Mexico during the four months following the date the disaster was declared, at no cost, upon satisfying the following requirements:

- (1) proof applicant resides and is in active practice in the federally declared disaster areas in the form of a signed and notarized affidavit, 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) official transcripts from the school of podiatric medicine or college, to be sent directly to the board office from the accredited program;
- (3) one letter of recommendation from a practicing licensed podiatrist who is personally acquainted with the applicant and who can attest that the applicant is of good moral character;
- (4) certificate or letter from residency director verifying completion of residency program approved by the CPME;
- (5) proof that the applicant has passed the NBPME examinations, parts 1, 2 and 3, or equivalent exam for part

3, as determined by the board;

(6) the board may waive the specific forms required under Paragraphs (1) through (6) of Subsection A of 16.21.5.12 NMAC if the applicant is unable to obtain documentation from the federally declared disaster areas;

(7) other required verification may be obtained online by board staff to include: current licensure status, national practitioner's data bank, federation of podiatric medical board's disciplinary database;

(8) the board may designate a professional background information service, which compiles background information regarding an applicant from multiple sources;

(9) nothing in this section shall constitute a waiver of the requirements for licensure contained in 16.21.5 NMAC.

B. Upon receipt of a completed application, including all required documentation, the secretary-treasurer or the delegate of the board will review and may approve the application. The results of the background check must either indicate no negative findings, or if there are negative findings, those findings will be reviewed by the complaint/review committee. The board may formally accept the recommendation of the complaint/review committee at the next scheduled meeting.