

VIRGINIA LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT QUICK FACTS

Licensure by endorsement is an expedited pathway for practitioners that are experienced, board-certified, actively practicing and have no past or current disciplinary issues or malpractice. Licensure by endorsement does not require transcripts, copies of diplomas, or examination scores. Currently, licensure by endorsement is available to doctors of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, and military spouse physician assistants. Endorsement is available to those who were educated and trained outside the US and Canada.

Doctors must meet the following criteria for licensure by endorsement.

- ✓ Hold at least one current, unrestricted license in a United States jurisdiction or Canada for the five years immediately preceding application to the board
- ✓ Have been engaged in active practice, defined as an average of 20 hours per week or 640 hours per year, for five years after postgraduate training and immediately preceding application
- ✓ Verify that all licenses held in another United States jurisdiction or in Canada are in good standing, defined as current and unrestricted, or if lapsed, eligible for renewal or reinstatement
- ✓ Hold current certification by one of the following:
 - American Board of Medical Specialties
 - Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists
 - American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery
 - American Board of Podiatric Medicine
 - Fellowship of Royal College of Physicians of Canada
 - Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada
 - College of Family Physicians of Canada
- ✓ Submit a current report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Practitioner Data Bank
- ✓ Have no grounds for denial based on the provisions of the Board's laws and regulations governing unprofessional conduct (Section 54.1-2915 of the Code of Virginia)

Military Spouse Physician Assistants must meet the following criteria for licensure by endorsement

- ✓ Hold current certification from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants
- ✓ Hold a license as a physician assistant that is in good standing, or that is eligible for reinstatement if lapsed, under the laws of another state.

BOARD OF MEDICINE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

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