

481—780.2(148C) Initial licensure.

780.2(1) The following criteria shall apply to the initial licensure of physician associates:

a. The applicant for licensure will complete an online application packet and pay the nonrefundable application fee.

b. The applicant for licensure will successfully pass the certifying examination conducted by the NCCPA or a successor examination approved by the board. The applicant will request the NCCPA, or its successor agency, to send a copy of the initial certification to the board office.

c. The applicant for licensure will request the approved program for education of physician associates to submit official copies of the applicant's transcript to the board office.

EXCEPTION: An applicant who is not a graduate of an approved program but who passed the NCCPA initial certification examination prior to 1986 is exempt from the graduation requirement.

d. In lieu of paragraphs 780.2(1) "b" and "c," an applicant for licensure may provide documentation from the Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) of the Federation of State Medical Boards as primary source verification for identity, education and national certification information.

780.2(2) If licensed in another jurisdiction, an applicant for licensure will:

a. Complete the licensure by endorsement application;

b. Submit a license verification document that discloses any disciplinary action taken in all jurisdictions where the applicant was previously licensed; and

c. Submit proof of completion of 100 CME hours for each biennium since the licensee was initially certified.

780.2(3) An applicant for licensure who is licensed in another jurisdiction who cannot satisfy the requirements of licensure by endorsement may apply for licensure by verification, if eligible, in accordance with rule 481—501.1(272C).

780.2(4) An application not completed according to guidelines will not be reviewed by the board.

780.2(5) Incomplete applications that have been on file in the board office for more than two years will be:

a. Considered invalid and destroyed; or

b. Maintained upon written request from the applicant for licensure.

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