

**TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING  
CHAPTER 20 PHYSICAL THERAPISTS  
PART 12 LICENSING OF MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, SPOUSES, AND VETERANS**

**16.20.12.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Physical Therapy Board.  
[16.20.12.1 NMAC - N, 9/30/2014]

**16.20.12.2 SCOPE:** This part sets forth application procedures to expedite licensure for military service members, spouses and veterans.  
[16.20.12.2 NMAC - N, 9/30/2014]

**16.20.12.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** These rules are promulgated pursuant to Subsection C of Section 62-23D-5 and Section 61-1-1 to -34 (ULA) (HB 180) NMSA 1978.  
[16.20.12.3 NMAC - N, 9/30/2014]

**16.20.12.4 DURATION:** Permanent.  
[16.20.12.4 NMAC - N, 9/30/2014]

**16.20.12.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 30, 2014, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[16.20.12.5 NMAC - N, 9/30/2014]

**16.20.12.6 OBJECTIVE:** The purpose of this part is to expedite licensure for military service members, spouses, and veterans.  
[16.20.12.6 NMAC - N, 9/30/2014]

**16.20.12.7 DEFINITIONS:**

- A. **[“Military service member” means a person who is serving in the armed forces of the United States or in an active reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the national guard.]**  
**“Military service member” has the same meaning as defined in Subsection F(3) of Section 61-1-34 NMSA 1978.**
- B. **[“Recent Veteran” means a person who has received an honorable discharge or separation from military service within the two (2) years immediately preceding the date the person applied for an occupational or professional license pursuant to this section.]**  
**“Veteran” has the same meaning as defined in Subsection F(4) of Section 61-1-34 NMSA 1978.**

[16.20.12.7 NMAC - N, 9/30/2014]

**16.20.12.8 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- A. Applications for ~~registration~~ license shall be completed on a form provided by the board.
- B. ~~[The information shall include:~~
- (1) ~~Completed application and fee pursuant to 16.20.3.11 and 16.20.3.8 and 16.20.5.8 NMAC.~~
- (2) ~~Satisfactory evidence that the applicant holds a license, issued by another jurisdiction, including a branch of armed forces of the United States, that is current and in good standing and that the applicant has met the minimal licensing requirements that are substantially equivalent to the New Mexico physical therapy or physical therapist assistant licensing requirements.~~
- (3) ~~Proof of honorable discharge (DD214) or military ID card or accepted proof of military spouse status]~~ **The applicant shall provide a complete application that includes the following information:**
- (1) applicant’s full name;
- (2) current mailing address;
- (3) current electronic mail address if any;
- (4) date of birth;
- (5) background check, if required; and
- (6) proof as described in subsection C below.

C. The applicant shall provide the following satisfactory evidence as follows:

- (1) applicant is currently licensed and in good standing in another jurisdiction, including a branch of the United States armed forces;
- (2) applicant has met the minimal licensing requirements in that jurisdiction and the minimal licensing requirements in that jurisdiction are substantially equivalent to the licensing requirements for New Mexico; and
- (3) the following documentation:
  - a. for military service member: copy of military orders;
  - b. for spouse of military service members: copy of military service member's military orders, and copy of marriage license;
  - c. for spouses of deceased military service members: copy of decedent's DD 214 and copy of marriage license;
  - d. for dependent children of military service members: copy of military service member's orders listing dependent child, or a copy of military orders and one of the following: copy of birth certificate, military service member's federal tax return or other governmental or judicial documentation establishing dependency;
  - e. for veterans (retired or separated): copy of DD 214 showing proof of honorable discharge.

D. The license or registration shall be issued by the board as soon as practicable but no later than thirty days after a qualified military service member, spouse, dependent child, or veteran files a complete application and provides a background check if required for a license, and any required fees.

E. Military service members and veterans shall not pay and the board shall not charge a licensing fee for the first three years for a license issued pursuant to this rule.

F. A license issued pursuant to this section shall be valid for the time period that is specified in the Physical Therapy Practice Act.

[16.20.12.8 NMAC - N, 9/30/2014]

**16.20.12.9 [RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS: A license issued pursuant to this section shall not be renewed unless the license holder satisfies the requirements for the issuance set forth in 16.20.3 NMAC and for the renewal of a license set forth in 16.20.8 NMAC]**

**RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS:**

A. A license issued pursuant to this section shall not be renewed unless the license holder satisfies the requirements for renewal set forth in 16.20.8.8 NMAC pursuant to Chapter 61, Article 12D-10(K), NMSA 1978.

B. As a courtesy, the board will send via electronic mail license renewal notifications to licensees before the license expiration date to the last known email address on file with the board. Failure to receive the renewal notification shall not relieve the licensee of the responsibility of timely renewal on or before the expiration date.

[16.20.12.9 NMAC - N, 9/30/2014]

**HISTORY OF 16.20.12 NMAC: [RESERVED]**