

**TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**  
**CHAPTER 2 ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS**  
**PART 17 LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT**

**16.2.17.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Board of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.  
[16.2.17.1 NMAC - N, 2/15/2005]

**16.2.17.2 SCOPE:** All applicants for licensure by endorsement as doctors of oriental medicine.  
[16.2.17.2 NMAC - N, 2/15/2005]

**16.2.17.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** This part is promulgated pursuant to the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Practice Act, Sections 61-14A-4, 6, 8, 9 and 10, NMSA 1978.  
[16.2.17.3 NMAC - N, 2/15/2005]

**16.2.17.4 DURATION:** Permanent.  
[16.2.17.4 NMAC - N, 2/15/2005]

**16.2.17.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 15, 2005, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[16.2.17.5 NMAC - N, 2/15/2005]

**16.2.17.6 OBJECTIVE:** Part 17 lists the requirements that an applicant for licensure by endorsement must fulfill in order to apply for licensure as a doctor of oriental medicine.  
[16.2.17.6 NMAC - N, 2/15/2005]

**16.2.17.7 DEFINITIONS:** Refer to definitions in 16.2.1.7 NMAC (Section 7 of Part 1 of the rules).  
[16.2.17.7 NMAC - N, 2/15/2005]

**16.2.17.8 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

**A.** An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall have five years of clinical experience, within the last six years as defined in 16.2.1.7 NMAC immediately preceding application.

**B.** An applicant for licensure by endorsement must be licensed, certified, registered or legally recognized to practice acupuncture or oriental medicine in another state or jurisdiction of the United States.

**C.** Any applicant for licensure by endorsement who has been subject to any action or proceeding comprehended by Subsection D of 16.2.17.10 NMAC may be subject to disciplinary action, including denial, suspension or revocation of licensure, pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, Section 61-14A-17; and subject to the Uniform Licensing Act, NMSA 1978, Section 61-1-1, et seq., and subject to the Criminal Offender Employment Act, NMSA 1978, Section 28-2-1, et seq.

**D.** Any applicant for licensure by endorsement who provides the board with false information or makes a false statement to the board may be subject to disciplinary action, including denial, suspension or revocation of licensure, pursuant to the provisions of Section 61-14A-17 NMSA 1978, and to the Uniform Licensing Act, NMSA 1978, Section 61-1-1, et seq.

[16.2.17.8 NMAC - N, 2/15/2005; A, 11/28/2009; A, 3/2/2014]

**16.2.17.9 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

**A.** An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall provide proof that he completed an educational program in acupuncture that fulfilled the requirements of the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine in place in 1992 or if graduated after 1992 is in compliance with the educational program requirements in 16.2.7 NMAC or that was accredited by the accreditation commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine, ACAOM, formerly the national accreditation commission for schools and colleges of acupuncture and oriental medicine and ACSCAOM.

**B.** If the educational program is no longer in existence, or if the applicant's records are not available for good cause, the applicant for licensure by endorsement shall submit an affidavit so stating and shall identify the educational program, and shall provide the address, dates of enrollment, and curriculum completed, along with such other information and documents as the board shall deem necessary. The board, in its sole and sound discretion, may accept as adequate and sufficient or reject such evidence presented in lieu of the records otherwise required.

C. If an applicant graduated before 1992 from an educational program lacking annual approval status from the board for the year of graduation, as defined in 16.2.7.10 NMAC, then the applicant shall apply for a single instance review. The applicant must obtain an approval of the educational program for use by a single applicant and will need to submit the following to the board:

(1) the required application fee as specified in 16.2.10 NMAC, paid by check or money order in U.S. funds; and

(2) an application on a form prescribed by the board, completed and in English, that contains the matriculation date for the educational program, the information necessary to verify that the standards of professional education required by 16.2.17.9 NMAC and an official copy of the curriculum.  
[16.2.17.9 NMAC - N, 2/15/2005; A, 11/28/2009; A, 3/2/2014]

**16.2.17.10 INITIAL LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION:** Upon approval of a licensure by endorsement application that fulfills the requirements listed below, the board shall issue a license that will be valid until July 31 following the initial licensure. The application requirements for licensure by endorsement shall be receipt of the following by the board:

A. the fee for application for licensure by endorsement specified in 16.2.10 NMAC;

B. a licensure by endorsement application that is complete and in English on a form provided by the board that shall include the applicant's name, address, date of birth and social security number, if available;

C. two passport-type photographs of the applicant taken not more than six months prior to the submission of the application;

D. an affidavit as provided on the initial licensure by endorsement application form as to whether the applicant:

(1) has been subject to any disciplinary action in any jurisdiction related to the practice of acupuncture or oriental medicine, or related to any other profession including other health care professions for which the applicant is licensed, certified, registered or legally recognized to practice including resignation from practice, withdrawal or surrender of applicants license, certificate or registration during the pendency of disciplinary proceedings or investigation for potential disciplinary proceedings;

(2) has been a party to litigation in any jurisdiction related to the applicants practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine, or related to any other profession including other health care professions for which the applicant is licensed, certified, registered or legally recognized to practice;

~~[(3) has been convicted of a felony in any jurisdiction, including any finding of guilt by a court or jury, or any plea of guilty, or any plea of nolo contendere or no contest, or plea or disposition of conditional discharge, and including any such proceeding in which a sentence was imposed, suspended or deferred;]~~

~~[(4)](3)~~ is in arrears on a court-ordered child support payment; or

~~[(5)](4)~~ has violated any provision of the act or the rules; and

E. an official license history, which is a certificate from each jurisdiction stating the disciplinary record of the applicant, from each jurisdiction where the applicant has been licensed, certified, registered or legally recognized to practice any other profession, including other health care professions, in any jurisdiction, pursuant to any authority other than the New Mexico Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Practice Act; and

F. an affidavit as provided on the initial licensure by endorsement application form stating that the applicant understands that:

(1) an applicant who has been subject to any action or proceeding comprehended by Subsection D of 16.2.17.10 NMAC may be subject to disciplinary action at any time, including denial, suspension or revocation of licensure, pursuant to the provisions of the act, NMSA 1978, Section 61-14A-17; and subject to the Uniform Licensing Act, NMSA 1978, Section 61-1-1, et seq., and subject to the Criminal Offender Employment Act, NMSA 1978, Section 28-2-1, et seq.; and

(2) an applicant who provides the board with false information or makes a false statement to the board may be subject to disciplinary action, including denial, suspension or revocation of licensure, pursuant to the provisions of the act, NMSA 1978, Section 61-14A-17, and the Uniform Licensing Act, NMSA 1978, Section 61-1-1, et seq.; and

G. an affidavit as provided on the initial licensure by endorsement application form stating that the applicant understands that:

(1) the applicant is responsible for reading, understanding and complying with the state of New Mexico laws and rules regarding this application as well as the practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine;

(2) the license must be renewed annually by July 31; and

(3) the applicant must notify the board within ten (10) days if the applicant's address changes; and

**H.** a copy of the applicant's certificate or diploma from an educational program evidencing completion of the educational program in acupuncture as defined above in 16.2.17.9 NMAC; this copy shall include on it an affidavit certifying that it is a true copy of the original;

**I.** a copy of the applicant's transcript from the educational program in acupuncture or oriental medicine evidencing completion of the educational program in acupuncture as defined above in 16.2.17.9 NMAC; this copy shall include on it an affidavit certifying that it is a true copy of the original;

**J.** a copy of the applicant's license, certificate, registration or legal authority to practice acupuncture or oriental medicine in another state or jurisdiction of the United States;

**K.** proof of clinical experience as required in Subsection A of 16.2.17.8 NMAC;

**L.** proof of successful completion of the examinations required below in 16.2.17.11 NMAC; and

**M.** an accurate translation in English of all documents submitted in a foreign language; each translated document shall bear the affidavit of the translator certifying that he or she is competent in both the language of the document and the English language and that the translation is a true and faithful translation of the foreign language original; each translated document shall also bear the affidavit of the applicant certifying that the translation is a true and faithful translation of the original; each affidavit shall be signed before a notary public; the translation of any document relevant to an application shall be at the expense of the applicant.

[16.2.17.10 NMAC - N, 2/15/2005; A, 11/28/2009]

**16.2.17.11 EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS:** The following requirements shall be received at the board's office within 24 months of the receipt of the initial licensure by endorsement application:

**A.** proof of successful completion of one of the following examination options:

(1) the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine (NCCAOM) comprehensive written exam (acupuncture portion);

(2) the NCCAOM foundations of oriental medicine module and the acupuncture module if completed after June 2004;

(3) the NCCAOM comprehensive written exam (Chinese herbology portion); or

(4) the NCCAOM foundations of oriental medicine module and the Chinese herbology module if completed after June 2004; and

**B.** proof of successful completion of the NCCAOM approved clean needle technique course;

**C.** proof of successful completion of the New Mexico clinical skills examination specified in 16.2.4.10 NMAC; and

**D.** proof of successful completion of the board approved and board administered jurisprudence examination specified in 16.2.4.10 NMAC.

[16.2.17.11 NMAC - N, 2/15/2005; A, 11/28/2009; A, 3/2/2014]

**16.2.17.12 DOCUMENTS IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE:** All documents submitted in a foreign language must be accompanied by an accurate translation in English. Each translated document shall bear the affidavit of the translator certifying that he or she is competent in both the language of the document and the English language and that the translation is a true and faithful translation of the foreign language original. Each translated document shall also bear the affidavit of the applicant certifying that the translation is a true and faithful translation of the original. Each affidavit shall be signed before a notary public. The translation of any document relevant to an applicant's application shall be at the expense of the applicant.

[16.2.17.12 NMAC - N, 2/15/2005]

**16.2.17.13 SUFFICIENCY OF DOCUMENT:** The board shall determine the sufficiency of the documentation that supports the application for licensure by endorsement. The board may, at its discretion, request further proof of qualifications or require a personal interview with any applicant to establish his or her qualifications. If requested by the board, all further proof of qualifications shall be received at the board office at least thirty five (35) days before the clinical skills examination date. Any required personal interview will be scheduled as determined by the board.

[16.2.17.13 NMAC - N, 2/15/2005]

**16.2.17.14 DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE:** All documentation required for licensure by endorsement shall be received at the board office no later than 24 months after the initial application for licensure by endorsement is received at the board office.  
[16.2.17.14 NMAC - N, 2/15/2005; A, 11/28/2009; A, 3/2/2014]

**16.2.17.15 NOTIFICATION OF LICENSURE:** The applicant for licensure by endorsement shall be notified of approval or denial of his or her completed application requirements including examination requirements by mail postmarked no more than 21 days from the board's receipt of all required documentation. The board shall issue a license to all applicants who have met the requirements of 16.2.17 NMAC.  
[16.2.17.15 NMAC - N, 2/15/2005; A, 11/28/2009]

**16.2.17.16 EXPIRATION AND ABANDONMENT OF APPLICATION:** If all licensure by endorsement application requirements have not been met within 24 months of the initial licensure by endorsement application, the application will expire and will be deemed abandoned. Exceptions may be made, at the board's discretion, for good cause. If the licensure by endorsement application is abandoned and the applicant for licensure by endorsement wants to reapply, the applicant for licensure by endorsement shall be required to submit the completed current licensure by endorsement application form, pay the current application fee and satisfy the requirements for licensure by endorsement in effect at the time of the new licensure by endorsement application. The board shall notify the applicant for licensure by endorsement of pending abandonment of the licensure by endorsement application by mail postmarked at least 60 days before the date of abandonment which is the expiration of the 24 month deadline for completing all requirements for licensure by endorsement. The board shall notify the applicant for licensure by endorsement of abandonment of the application by mail postmarked no more than 21 days after the date of abandonment.  
[16.2.17.16 NMAC - N, 2/15/2005; A, 11/28/2009; A, 3/2/2014]

**History of 16.2.17 NMAC:**  
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