



Summary of States Offering Temporary Licenses Prior to Certification

Alabama

(a) The board may, in its discretion, grant a temporary license to an applicant who meets the qualifications for licensure as assistant to physician except that the applicant has not taken the Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) for the first time or the applicant has taken the PANCE for the first time and is awaiting the results. A temporary license is valid:

- (1) For one year from the date issued, or
 - (2) Until the results of an applicant's examination are available, or
 - (3) Until the board makes a final decision on the applicant's request for licensure as an assistant to physician, whichever comes first.
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(d) An assistant to physician who is granted a temporary license shall not practice or offer to practice in this state unless he or she is registered by the board in accordance with this article and the rules of the board.

(e) There shall be no independent unsupervised practice by an assistant to physician who is granted a temporary license.

ALA. CODE § 34-24-301

(1) The Board may, in its discretion, grant a temporary license to an applicant who meets the qualifications for licensure as a physician assistant, except that the applicant has not taken the Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) for the first time or the applicant has taken the PANCE for the first time and is awaiting the results.

(2) A temporary license is valid:

- (a) For one year from the date issued, or
- (b) Until the results of an applicant's examination are available, or
- (c) Until the Board makes a final decision on the applicant's request for licensure as a physician assistant, whichever comes first.

(3) Physician assistants granted a temporary license will not be granted prescriptive privileges, be allowed to practice without direct, on-site physician supervision, be allowed to practice in a remote practice site, or be approved for additional duties in the Job Description.

(4) The Board, in its discretion, may waive the requirement(s) in paragraph (3) of this Rule.

(5) A physician assistant who is granted a temporary license shall not practice or offer to practice unless he or she is registered by the Board to a licensed physician in accordance with these rules and applicable statutes.

(6) There shall be no independent unsupervised practice by a physician assistant who is granted a temporary license.

ALA. ADMIN. CODE r. 540-X-7-.09

Alaska

An applicant for a license to practice as a graduate physician assistant

- (1) shall apply on a form provided by the department;
- (2) shall pay the fees established in 12 AAC 02.250; and
- (3) must be approved by the board.

The application must include

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- (1) evidence of having graduated from a physician assistant program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) or, before 2001, by its predecessor accrediting agencies the American Medical Association's Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation or the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs; and
- (2) evidence of having been accepted to take the next entry level examination of the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, Inc. (NCCPA) for initial certification.

A graduate physician assistant license is automatically suspended on the date the board receives notice that the applicant failed to pass the NCCPA certifying examination required.

Upon request, the board will reissue a graduate physician assistant license only if the licensee was prevented from taking a scheduled examination.

A licensed graduate physician assistant must be under the continuous on-site supervision of a physician assistant licensed in this state or a physician licensed in this state.

ALASKA ADMIN. CODE tit. 12, § 40.445(a)-(e)

Arizona

No provision.

Arkansas

(a) The Arkansas State Medical Board may grant a graduate license to an applicant who meets the qualifications for licensure, except that the applicant has not yet taken the national certifying examination or the applicant has taken the national certifying examination and is awaiting the results.

(b) A graduate license is valid:

- (1) For one (1) year from the date of issuance;
- (2) Until the results of an applicant's examination are available; or
- (3) Until the board makes a final decision on the applicant's request for licensure, whichever comes first.

(c) The board may extend a graduate license upon a majority vote of the board members for a period not to exceed one (1) year. Under no circumstances may the board grant more than one (1) extension of a graduate license.

(d) A temporary license may be granted to an applicant who meets all the qualifications for licensure but is awaiting the next scheduled meeting of the board.

ARK. CODE ANN. § 17-105-103

California

No provision.

Colorado

No provision.

Connecticut

The department may [...] issue a temporary permit to an applicant who (1) is a graduate of an accredited physician assistant program; (2) has completed not less than sixty hours of didactic instruction in pharmacology for physician assistant practice approved by the department; and (3) if applying for such permit on and after September 30, 1991, holds a baccalaureate or higher degree in any field from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. Such temporary permit shall authorize the holder to practice as a physician assistant only in those settings where the supervising physician is physically present on the premises and is immediately available to the physician assistant when needed, but shall not authorize the holder to prescribe or dispense drugs. Such temporary permit shall be valid for a period not to exceed one hundred twenty calendar days after the date of graduation and shall not be renewable. Such permit shall become void and shall not be reissued in the event that the applicant fails to pass a certification examination scheduled by the national commission following the applicant's graduation from an accredited physician assistant program. Violation of the restrictions on practice set forth in this subsection may constitute a basis for denial of licensure as a physician assistant.

CONN. GEN. STAT. § 20-12b(b)

Delaware

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this subchapter to the contrary, the Executive Director, with the approval of a physician member of the Board, may grant a temporary license to an individual who has graduated from a physician or surgeon assistant program which has been accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) or, prior to 2001, by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA) of the American Medical Association (AMA) or a successor agency and who otherwise meets the qualifications for licensure but who has not yet taken a national certifying examination, provided that the individual is registered to take and takes the next scheduled national certifying examination. A temporary license granted pursuant to this subsection is valid until the results of the examination are available from the certifying agency. If the individual fails to pass the national certifying examination, the temporary license granted pursuant to this subsection must be immediately rescinded until the individual successfully qualifies for licensure pursuant to this subchapter.

(b) An individual who is temporarily licensed pursuant to this section may not have a prescriptive practice and may not perform delegated medical acts except in the physical presence of the individual's supervising physician.

DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 24, § 1774

District of Columbia

No provision.

Florida

Notwithstanding subparagraph (a)2, the department may grant to a recent graduate of an approved program, as specified in subsection (6), who expects to take the first examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants available for registration after the applicant's graduation, a temporary license. The temporary license shall expire 30 days after receipt of scores of the proficiency examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. Between meetings of the council, the department may grant a temporary license to practice based on the completion of all temporary licensure requirements. All such administratively issued licenses shall be reviewed and acted on at the next regular meeting of the council. The recent graduate may be licensed before employment but must comply with paragraph (d). An applicant who has passed the proficiency examination may be granted permanent licensure. An applicant failing the proficiency examination is no longer temporarily licensed, but may reapply for a 1-year extension of temporary licensure. An applicant may not be granted more than two temporary licenses and may not be licensed as a physician assistant until he or she passes the examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. As prescribed by board rule, the council may require an applicant who does not pass the licensing examination after five or more attempts to complete additional remedial education or training. The council shall prescribe the additional requirements in a manner that permits the applicant to complete the requirements and be reexamined within 2 years after the date the applicant petitions the council to retake the examination a sixth or subsequent time.

FLA. STAT. ANN. § 458.347(7)(e)

Osteopathic

Notwithstanding subparagraph (a)2, the department may grant to a recent graduate of an approved program, as specified in subsection (6), a temporary license to expire upon receipt of scores of the proficiency examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. Between meetings of the council, the department may grant a temporary license to practice to physician assistant applicants based on the completion of all temporary licensure requirements. All such administratively issued licenses shall be reviewed and acted on at the next regular meeting of the council. The recent graduate may be licensed prior to employment, but must comply with paragraph (d). An applicant who has passed the proficiency examination may be granted permanent licensure. An applicant failing the proficiency examination is no longer temporarily licensed, but may reapply for a 1-year extension of temporary licensure. An applicant may not be granted more than two temporary licenses and may not be licensed as a physician assistant until she or he passes the examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. As prescribed by board rule, the council may require an applicant who does not pass the licensing examination after five or more attempts to complete additional remedial education or training. The council shall prescribe the additional requirements in a manner that permits the applicant

to complete the requirements and be reexamined within 2 years after the date the applicant petitions the council to retake the examination a sixth or subsequent time.

FLA. STAT. ANN. § 459.022(7)(e)

Georgia

[...] The board may issue a temporary permit to any applicant for licensure who has satisfied the provisions of division (i) of this subparagraph and who is an applicant for the next available board approved or administered examination or who has completed this examination and is awaiting the results of such examination. The temporary permit shall expire upon notification of the applicant's failure to achieve a satisfactory score on the board approved or administered examination. A physician assistant licensed pursuant to this paragraph shall not be authorized to perform any medical acts of any sort except as approved for utilization by a physician in a job description pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection. [...]

GA. CODE ANN. § 43-34-103(a)(1)

The Board may issue a temporary permit to any applicant who has otherwise met the requirements for Board licensure and who has either applied to take the next available examination or has already taken the examination and is awaiting the results thereof, with the following conditions:

- a. The applicant must request this permit in writing.
- b. Unless otherwise approved by the Board for extenuating circumstances, the permit shall be valid for a maximum period of ninety (90) days, but shall expire immediately upon notification of the applicant's failure to achieve a satisfactory score on the approved certification examination required in 360-5-.02(1)(c).

GA. COMP. R. & REGS. r. 360-5-.02(10)

Hawaii

Board shall approve temporary licensure of an applicant under this section. The applicant shall have graduated from a board-approved training program within 12 months of the date of application and never taken a national certifying exam approved by the board but otherwise meets the requirements of this section. The applicant shall file a complete application with the board and pay all required fees. If applicant fails to apply for, or to take, the first examination scheduled by the board following the issuance of the temporary license, fails to pass the examination, or fails to receive licensure, all privileges under this section shall automatically cease upon written notification sent to the applicant by the board. A temporary license shall be issued only once to each person.

HAW. REV. STAT. § 453-5.3(d)

Application for temporary certificate shall be made under oath on a form to be provided by the board. The form shall require the applicant to provide verification from NCCPA that applicant is scheduled to take next scheduled exam. Graduation from a board approved school or training program shall have occurred within twelve months of the date of application.

HAW. CODE R. § 16-85-46

Idaho

“Graduate physician assistant” means a person who is a graduate of an approved program for the education and training of physician assistants and who meets all of the requirements in this chapter for licensure, but who:

- (a) Has not yet taken and passed the certification examination and who has been authorized by the board to render patient services under the direction of a supervising physician for a period of six (6) months; or
- (b) Has passed the certification examination but who has not yet obtained a college baccalaureate degree and who has been authorized by the board to render patient services under the direction of a supervising physician for a period of not more than five (5) years.

IDAHO CODE § 54-1803(14)

01. [...] Any person who has graduated from an approved program and meets all Idaho requirements, including achieving a college baccalaureate degree, but has not yet taken and passed the certification examination, may be considered by the Board for licensure as a graduate physician assistant for six (6) months when:

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- a. An application for licensure as a graduate physician assistant has been submitted to the Board on forms supplied by the Board and payment of the prescribed fee.
- b. The applicant shall submit to the Board, within ten (10) business days of receipt, a copy of acknowledgement of sitting for the national certification examination. The applicant shall also submit to the Board, within ten (10) business days of receipt, a copy of the national certification examination results.
- c. After the graduate physician assistant has passed the certification examination, the Board must receive verification of national certification directly from the certifying entity. Once the verification is received by the Board, the graduate physician assistant's license will be converted to a permanent license and he may apply for prescribing authority pursuant to Section 042 of these rules.
- d. The applicant who has failed the certification examination one (1) time, may petition the Board for a one-time extension of his graduate physician assistant license for an additional six (6) months.
- e. If the graduate physician assistant fails to pass the certifying examination on two (2) separate occasions, the graduate physician assistant's license shall automatically be canceled upon receipt of the second failing certification examination score.
- f. The graduate physician assistant applicant shall agree to execute an authorization for the release of information, attached to his application as Exhibit A, authorizing the Board or its designated agents, having information relevant to the application, including but not limited to the status of the certification examination, to release such information, as necessary, to his supervising physician.

IDAHO ADMIN. CODE § 22.01.03.036 (01)

Illinois

No provision.

Indiana

(f) Applicants for a temporary permit to practice as a physician assistant while waiting to take the examination or awaiting results of the examination must submit all requirements of subsection (b), except for subsection (b)(2)(B) and (b)(2)(C), in order to apply for a temporary permit.

(g) A temporary permit becomes invalid if the temporary permit holder fails to sit or fails to register for the next available examination.

844 IND. ADMIN. CODE § 2.2-2-1(f)-(g)

Iowa

326.3(1) A temporary license may be issued for an applicant who has not taken the NCCPA initial certification examination or successor agency examination or is waiting for the results of the examination.

326.3(2) The applicant must comply with subrule 326.2(1), with the exception of paragraphs "d" and "e."

326.3(3) A temporary license shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance.

326.3(4) The temporary license shall be renewed only once upon the applicant's showing proof that, through no fault of the applicant, the applicant was unable to take the certification examination recognized by the board. Proof of inability to take the certification examination shall be submitted to the board office with written request for renewal of a temporary license, accompanied by the temporary license renewal fee.

326.3(5) If the temporary licensee fails the certification examination, the temporary licensee must cease practice immediately and surrender the temporary license by the next business day.

326.3(6) There is no additional fee for converting temporary licensure to permanent licensure.

326.3(7) The applicant shall ensure that certification of completion is sent to the board directly from an approved program for the education of physician assistants. The certification of completion must be signed by a designee from the approved program.

IOWA ADMIN. CODE 645-326.3 (1)-(7)

Kansas

(a) The state board shall provide for the temporary licensure of any physician assistant who has made proper application for licensure, has the required qualifications for licensure, except for examination, and has paid the

prescribed license fee. Such temporary license shall authorize the person so licensed to provide patient services within the limits of the temporary license.

(b) A temporary license is valid: (1) for six months from the date of issuance; or (2) until the board makes a final determination on the applicant's request for licensure. The board may extend a temporary license, upon a majority vote of the members of the board, for a period not to exceed one year.

KAN. STAT. ANN. § 65-28a07

Kentucky

(1) Whenever, in the opinion of the executive director, based upon verified information contained in the application, an applicant for a license to practice as a physician assistant is eligible therefor under subsections (1) and (2) of KRS 311.844, the executive director may issue to the applicant, on behalf of the board, a temporary license which shall entitle the holder to practice as a physician assistant for a maximum of six (6) months from the date of issuance unless the temporary license is canceled by the executive director, who may cancel it at any time, without a hearing, for reasons deemed sufficient with appropriate consultation with the president, and who shall cancel it immediately upon direction by the board or upon the board's denial of the holder's application for a regular license. The temporary license shall not be renewable.

(2) The executive director shall present to the board the application for licensure made by the holder of the temporary license. If the board issues a regular license to the holder of a temporary license, the fee paid in connection with the temporary license shall be applied to the regular license fee.

(3) If the executive director cancels a temporary license, he or she shall promptly notify, by United States certified mail, the holder of the temporary license at the last known address on file with the board. The temporary license shall be terminated and of no further force or effect three (3) days after the date the notice was sent by certified mail.

KY. REV. STAT. ANN. § 311.845

Louisiana

C. The board may grant a working permit, which is valid for one year but may be renewed by one additional year, to a physician assistant applicant who meets the qualifications for licensure except that the applicant has not yet taken the national certifying examination or the applicant has taken the national certifying examination and is awaiting the results.

D. A working permit is valid only until the following occur:

- (1) The results of an applicant's examination are available.
- (2) The board makes a final decision on the applicant's request for licensure.

LA. REV. STAT. ANN § 37:1360.24(C),(D)

B. The board may grant a working permit (temporary license), valid and effective for one year but renewable for one additional year, to an applicant who otherwise meets the qualifications for licensure, except that the applicant has not yet taken or is awaiting the results of the national certification examination.

C. A working permit shall expire and become null and void on the date on which:

1. the results of the applicant's national certifying examination are available, and the applicant has failed to pass such examination; or
2. the board takes final action on the applicant's application for licensure.

D. Every license or permit issued under this Chapter is expressly subject to the terms, restrictions and limitations set forth in the approved application.

E. A working permit shall not qualify a physician assistant for registration of prescriptive authority.

LA. ADMIN. CODE 46:XLV.1513.B,-E

Maine

3. Uniform Requirements for Temporary/New Graduate License

A. The Board, or if delegated, Board staff may issue a one-time, non-renewable temporary license to practice as a physician assistant to an applicant who:

- (1) Submits an administratively complete application on forms approved by the Board;

- (2) Pays the appropriate uniform licensure fee;
- (3) Has successfully completed an educational program for physician assistants accredited by the American Medical Association Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation, or the Commission for Accreditation of the Allied Health Education Programs, or their successors;
- (4) Has no license, certification or registration as a physician assistant, or any other type or classification of health care provider license, certification or registration under current discipline, revocation, suspension, restriction or probation;
- (5) Has no cause existing that may be considered grounds for disciplinary action or denial of licensure as provided by law;
- (6) Passes, at the time of license application, a jurisprudence examination administered by the Board; and
- (7) Is currently scheduled to take, but has not yet taken, the national certifying examination administered by the NCCPA (NCCPA examination) or its successor organization, or has taken the NCCPA examination and is awaiting the results. An applicant who has taken the NCCPA examination and failed to pass is not eligible to apply for a temporary license.

02-373-2 ME. CODE R. § 2(3)(A)

Osteopathic

3. Uniform Requirements for Temporary/New Graduate License

A. The Board, or if delegated, Board staff may issue a one-time, non-renewable temporary license to practice as a physician assistant to an applicant who:

- (1) Submits an administratively complete application on forms approved by the Board;
- (2) Pays the appropriate uniform licensure fee;
- (3) Has successfully completed an educational program for physician assistants accredited by the American Medical Association Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation, or the Commission for Accreditation of the Allied Health Education Programs, or their successors;
- (4) Has no license, certification or registration as a physician assistant, or any other type or classification of health care provider license, certification or registration under current discipline, revocation, suspension, restriction or probation;
- (5) Has no cause existing that may be considered grounds for disciplinary action or denial of licensure as provided by law;
- (6) Passes, at the time of license application, a jurisprudence examination administered by the Board; and
- (7) Is currently scheduled to take, but has not yet taken, the national certifying examination administered by the NCCPA (NCCPA examination) or its successor organization, or has taken the NCCPA examination and is awaiting the results. An applicant who has taken the NCCPA examination and failed to pass is not eligible to apply for a temporary license.

02-383-2 ME. CODE R. § 2(3)(A)

Maryland

No provision.

Massachusetts

Subject to such rules and regulations as the board may prescribe, an applicant who otherwise meets the qualifications for registration may, while awaiting the results of the certification examination, practice as a physician assistant. An applicant failing such examination shall be entitled to a re-examination within two years of graduation and to practice as a physician assistant until notified of the results of said examination. Thereafter, an applicant may not practice as a physician assistant without having passed the certification examination.

MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 112, § 9I

- (1) Any individual who holds a baccalaureate degree from an accredited educational institution, as defined in 263 CMR 3.02(2), and who has completed a physician assistant training program approved by the Board, but who has

not yet passed the certifying examination of the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, may obtain a temporary certificate of registration if:

- (a) He or she graduated from said physician assistant training program not more than two years prior to the date of his or her application for said temporary certificate;
- (b) He or she submits proof satisfactory to the Board that he or she meets all of the requirements for registration as a physician assistant set forth in 263 CMR 3.02(2) except for passage of the certifying examination; and
- (c) He or she certifies in writing, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that he or she will register for and take the next available administration of the certifying examination of the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

(2) In the event that an individual who obtains a temporary certificate of registration pursuant to 263 CMR 3.04(1) passes the certifying examination of the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, said temporary certificate of registration shall remain valid and in effect until such time as the Board has issued a permanent certificate of registration to said individual.

(3) In the event that an individual who obtains a temporary certificate of registration pursuant to 263 CMR 3.04(1) fails the certifying examination of the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, said temporary certificate of registration shall remain valid and in effect, provided that said individual submits a new written certification, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that he or she has registered to retake said certifying examination on a date not more than two years from the date of his or her graduation from an approved physician assistant training program. Upon submission of such proof of registration to retake the certifying examination, the temporary certificate of registration issued to said individual shall remain valid and in effect until the results of said re-examination are published. In the event that said individual fails the second administration of the certifying examination, he or she shall cease practice as a physician assistant immediately upon receipt of the examination results.

(4) An application for a temporary certificate of registration pursuant to this section shall be accompanied by a check or money order made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of any application and temporary certificate fees established by the Commissioner of Administration and Finance pursuant to M.G.L. c. 7, § 3B.

263 MASS. CODE REGS. 3.04

Michigan

"Temporary license" means a license of limited duration granted to an applicant who has completed all requirements for licensure except an examination or other required evaluation procedure.

MICH. COMP. LAWS § 333.16109(4)

A certificate of licensure, temporary licensure, or renewal shall be issued by the department to an applicant who is granted licensure, temporary licensure, or renewal. A certificate issued under this part shall contain the full name of the individual licensed, a permanent individual number, and the date of expiration.

MICH. COMP. LAWS § 333.17072(1)

Osteopathic

No provision.

Minnesota

No provision.

Mississippi

The Board may grant a temporary license to an applicant who meets the qualifications for licensure except that the applicant has not yet taken the national certifying examination administered by the NCCPA or the applicant has taken the national certifying examination and is awaiting the results or the applicant has not obtained a minimum of a master's degree in a health-related or science field.

A temporary license issued upon the basis of the NCCPA not being taken or the applicant awaiting the results is valid:

- A. for one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of issuance;
- B. until the results of an applicant's examination are available; or

C. until the Board makes a final decision on the applicant's request for licensure, whichever comes first.

The Board may extend a temporary license, upon a majority vote of the Board members, for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days. Under no circumstances may the Board grant more than one extension of a temporary license.

A temporary license may be issued to an applicant who has not obtained a master's degree so long as the applicant can show proof of enrollment in a master's program that will, when completed, meet the master's degree requirement. The temporary license will be valid no longer than one (1) year, and may not be renewed.

30-26-2615 MISS. CODE R. § 1.4

Missouri

Notwithstanding any other provision of sections 334.735 to 334.749, the board may issue without examination a temporary license to practice as a physician assistant. Upon the applicant paying a temporary license fee and the submission of all necessary documents as determined by the board, the board may grant a temporary license to any person who meets the qualifications provided in section 334.735 which shall be valid until the results of the next examination are announced. The temporary license may be renewed at the discretion of the board and upon payment of the temporary license fee.

MO. REV. STAT. § 334.736

(1) Physician assistant temporary licensees who fail the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistant Examination on their first sitting or who do not take the examination as scheduled may apply for temporary licensure renewal one (1) time. Temporary licensure renewal will be determined at the discretion of the board, on an individual basis.

MO. CODE REGS. ANN. tit. 20 § 2150-7.310 (1)

Montana

No provision.

Nebraska

The department, with the recommendation of the board, shall issue temporary licenses to persons who have successfully completed an approved program but who have not yet passed a proficiency examination. Any temporary license issued pursuant to this subsection shall be issued for a period not to exceed one year and under such conditions as determined by the department, with the recommendation of the board. The temporary license may be extended by the department, with the recommendation of the board.

NEB. REV. STAT. § 38-2049(2)

Nevada

The [Medical] Board will issue a temporary license to any qualified applicant who:

- (a) meets the educational and training requirements for certification as a physician assistant of the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants and is scheduled to and does sit for the first proficiency examination offered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants following the completion of his or her training;
- (b) has taken the proficiency examination offered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants but has not yet been notified of the results; or
- (c) is licensed or certified in another state, meets the requirements for licensure pursuant to NAC 630.280 and is scheduled to sit for the next examination offered by the Board.

A physician assistant with a temporary license may perform services only under the immediate supervision of a supervising physician.

NEV. ADMIN. CODE § 630.320

Osteopathic

No provision.

New Hampshire

No provision.

New Jersey

(a) An individual who has filed an application for licensure and is waiting to take the next scheduled examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) or awaiting the results of the examination may apply to the Board for a temporary license to be employed under the direct supervision of a physician, as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.2 and 2B.15.

(b) An applicant for temporary licensure shall submit to the Board, with the completed application form, the documents required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.5, the required fee, and evidence that the applicant has filed an application for the NCCPA examination.

N.J. ADMIN. CODE § 13:35-2B.13

New Mexico

A. Interim permits are issued to eligible applicants who have completed the application process and complied with all other licensure requirements except certification by the NCCPA.

(1) Physician assistants not currently certified by NCCPA have a one-time grace period of one year from the date of graduation from a program approved by ARC-PA or its successor agency to become certified.

(2) Interim permits expire at the end of the one year grace period. Upon expiration of the interim permit the physician assistant may no longer practice, but may reapply upon NCCPA certification.

B. Training permits may be issued to eligible applicants, regardless of NCCPA certification status, who have completed the application process and who have not been actively and continuously in clinical practice for the two years prior to application and who are required by the board to undertake appropriate retraining prior to licensure or reinstatement. A training permit shall be valid for one year and may not be renewed.

N.M. CODE R. § 16.10.15.10

Osteopathic

Temporary Certification: If an eligible applicant has filed his or her application and has complied with all other requirements of the Physician Assistant Act and the rules including certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) as having passed the examination, the Board Administrator may issue a temporary certificate of qualification to the applicant to hold good until the next regular Board meeting.

N.M. CODE R. § 16.18.2.8(F)

New York

Permits limited as to eligibility, practice and duration, shall be issued by the department to eligible applicants, as follows:

1. Eligibility. A person who fulfills all requirements to be licensed as a physician assistant except that relating to the examination shall be eligible for a limited permit.
2. Limit of practice. A permittee shall be authorized to practice as a physician assistant only under the direct supervision of a physician.
3. Duration. A limited permit shall expire one year from the date of issuance or upon notice to the permittee by the department that the application for a license has been denied. A limited permit shall be extended upon application for one additional year, provided that the permittee's request for such extension is endorsed by a physician who either has supervised or will supervise the permittee, except that such extension may be denied by the department for cause which shall be stated in writing. If the permittee is awaiting the results of a licensing examination at the time such limited permit expires, such permit shall continue to be valid until ten days after notification to the permittee of the result of such examination.

N.Y. EDUC. LAW § 6546

North Carolina

No provision.

North Dakota

No provision.

Ohio

No provision.

Oklahoma

No provision.

Oregon

Those who have met the requirements of section (1) of this rule may make application for a Limited License, Pending Examination before passing the PANCE examination with the stipulation that if the examination is not passed within one year from the date of application, the Board withdraws its approval.

OR. ADMIN. R. § 847-050-0020

Pennsylvania

(a) PRACTICE — Graduates of a physician assistant program recognized by the board may register with the board and practice only under direct supervision of a physician until licensed by a process recognized by the board. Practice under this section shall be limited to the period between graduation and receipt of the results of the first examination after graduation offered by an examination agency in accordance with section 24. If the person applying for licensure fails the examination, the authority to practice under this section shall expire.

(b) USE OF TITLE — The title "graduate physician assistant" or the abbreviation "GPA" shall be used until licensure is obtained.

(c) DRUGS. — A graduate physician assistant shall not be permitted to prescribe or dispense drugs at the direction of a physician until licensure has been completed.

63 PA. CONS. STAT. § 422.13b

Osteopathic

No provision.

Rhode Island

No provision.

South Carolina

(A) The board may issue a limited physician assistant license to an applicant who has:

- (1) submitted a completed application on forms provided by the board;
- (2) paid the nonrefundable application fees established by this regulation;
- (3) successfully completed an educational program for physician assistants approved by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant or its predecessor or successor organization;
- (4) never previously failed two consecutive NCCPA certifying examinations and has registered for, or intends to register to take the next offering of, the NCCPA examination;
- (5) certified that the applicant mentally and physically is able to engage safely in practice as a physician assistant;
- (6) no licensure, certificate, or registration as a physician assistant under current discipline, revocation, suspension, probation, or investigation for cause resulting from the applicant's practice as a physician assistant;
- (7) good moral character;
- (8) submitted to the board any other information the board considers necessary to evaluate the applicant's qualifications;
- (9) appeared before a board member or board designee with all original diplomas and certificates and demonstrated knowledge of the contents of this article; and
- (10) successfully completed an examination administered by the committee on the statutes and regulations regarding physician assistant practice and supervision.

(B) A limited license is not renewable and is valid only until the results of a limited licensee's two consecutive NCCPA certifying examinations are reported to the board. When a limited licensee has failed two consecutive NCCPA certifying examinations, or fails one exam and does not take the NCCPA certifying examination at the next

opportunity or, after applying for a limited license, fails to register for the next offering of the examination, the limited license immediately is void and the applicant is no longer eligible to apply for further limited licensure.

S.C. CODE ANN. § 40-47-950

South Dakota

The board may issue a temporary license to an applicant who has successfully completed an approved program and has submitted evidence to the board that the applicant is a candidate accepted to write the examination required by § 36-4A-8 or is awaiting the results of the first examination for which the applicant is eligible after graduation from an approved physician assistant program. A temporary license may be issued only once and is effective for a term of not more than one hundred twenty days. A temporary license expires on the occurrence of the following:

- (1) Issuance of a regular license;
- (2) Failure to pass the licensing examination; or
- (3) Expiration of the term for which the temporary license was issued.

S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 36-4A-8.1

Tennessee

[...] A graduate of a physician assistant training program accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association or its successor accrediting agency may receive a temporary license from the board allowing such individual to function as a physician assistant under the provisions of this part:

- (A) For a period of fifteen (15) months immediately following graduation to allow the person an opportunity to attempt the examination; and
- (B) For a period of one (1) additional year thereafter in which to attempt and successfully complete the examination if the person is not successful on the first attempt.

[...]

TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-19-105(a)(2)

(1) A graduate of an accredited P.A. educational program who is awaiting an opportunity to take the licensure examination may practice as a P.A. upon issuance of a temporary license obtained pursuant to T.C.A. § 63-19-105.

TENN. COMP. R. & REGS. 0880-03-.14 (1)

Texas

(a) The physician assistant board may issue a temporary license to an applicant who:

[...]

(3) has graduated from an educational program for physician assistants or surgeon assistants described by Section 204.153(a)(1) not later than six months before applying for a temporary license and is waiting for examination results from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

TEX. OCC. CODE ANN. § 204.155 (a)(3)

(a) The board, or its designee may issue a temporary license to an applicant who:

[...]

(3) has graduated from an educational program for physician assistants or surgeon assistants accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission for the Education of Physician Assistants (ARC-PA) or by the committee's predecessor or successor entities no later than six months previous to the application for temporary licensure and is waiting for examination results from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants;

[...]

22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 185.7 (a)(3)

Utah

Applicant for licensure as a physician assistant who has met all qualifications for licensure except passing an examination component as required in Section 58-70a-302, may apply for and be granted a temporary license to practice. Temporary license shall be issued for a period not to exceed 120 days to allow the applicant to pass the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination. The temporary license may not be renewed or extended.

A physician assistant holding a temporary license may work only under the direct supervision of an approved supervising or substitute supervising physician in accordance with a delegation of services agreement, and all patient charts shall be reviewed and countersigned by the supervising or substitute supervising physician.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 58-70a-306

Vermont

(a) The applicant may be issued temporary certification if:

- (1) The applicant is applying for certification for the first time in this State; and
- (2) The applicant has graduated from a Board-approved school for physician assistants, or has completed a Board-approved apprenticeship program; and
- (3) Either: (A) the applicant is eligible and has applied to sit for the first NCCPA examination; or (B) the applicant is a graduate of a Board-approved apprenticeship program and has applied to sit for the first Board-approved evaluation available after completion of the application process; and
- (4) The required fee is paid.

(b) If the applicant fails the first examination or evaluation, the applicant may sit for the next scheduled examination or evaluation. If the applicant fails the examination or evaluation after the second sitting, the applicant must obtain additional training before sitting again for the examination or evaluation. Temporary certification is not valid during periods of retraining.

(c) In no case shall a temporary certification be valid for longer than two years.

13-141-001 VT. CODE R. § 5.6

Virginia

[...] Pending the outcome of the next examination administered by the National Commission for Certification of Physician Assistants, the Board may grant provisional licensure to graduates of physician assistants curricula that are approved by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant. Such provisional licensure shall be granted at the discretion of the Board.

VA. CODE ANN. § 54.1-2950

Pending the outcome of the next examination administered by the NCCPA, an applicant who has met all other requirements of 18 VAC 85-50-50 at the time his initial application is submitted may be granted provisional licensure by the board. The provisional licensure shall be valid until the applicant takes the next subsequent NCCPA examination and its results are reported, but this period of validity shall not exceed 30 days following the reporting of the examination scores, after which the provisional license shall be invalid.

18 VA. ADMIN. CODE § 85-50-55

Washington

An interim permit is a limited license. The permit allows an individual who has graduated from a Commission approved program within the previous twelve months to practice prior to successfully passing the Commission approved licensing examination.

- (1) An individual applying to the Commission for an interim permit under RCW 18.71A.020(1) must have graduated from an accredited Commission approved physician assistant program.
- (2) An interim permit is valid for one year from completion of a Commission approved physician assistant training program. The interim permit may not be renewed.
- (3) An applicant for a physician assistant interim permit must submit to the Commission:
 - (a) A completed application on forms provided by the Commission;
 - (b) Applicable fees as specified in WAC 246-918-990; and
 - (c) Requirements as specified in WAC 246-918-080.

(4) An interim permit holder may not work in a remote site.

WASH. ADMIN. CODE § 246-918-050

Osteopathic

An interim permit is a limited license. The permit allows an individual who has graduated from a Board approved program within the previous twelve months to practice prior to successfully passing the Board approved licensing examination.

Individual applying to the Board for an interim permit under RCW 18.57A.020(1) must have graduated from an accredited Board approved physician assistant program.

Interim permit is valid for one year from completion of a Board approved training program. The interim permit may not be renewed.

An applicant for an osteopathic physician assistant interim permit must submit to the Board: (a) A completed application on forms provided by the Board; (b) Applicable fees as specified in WAC 246-853-990; and (c) Requirements as specified in WAC 246-854-080.

An interim permit holder may not work in a remote site.

WASH. ADMIN. CODE § 246-854-085

West Virginia

No provision.

Osteopathic

No provision.

Wisconsin

(1) An applicant for licensure may apply to the board for a temporary license to practice as a physician assistant if the applicant:

(a) Remits the fee specified in s. 440.05(6), Stats.

(b) Is a graduate of an approved school and is scheduled to take the examination for physician assistants required by s. Med 8.05(1) or has taken the examination and is awaiting the results; or

(c) Submits proof of successful completion of the examination required by s. Med 8.05(1) and applies for a temporary license no later than 30 days prior to the date scheduled for the next oral examination.

(2) (a) Except as specified in par. (b), a temporary license expires on the date the board grants or denies an applicant permanent licensure. Permanent licensure to practice as a physician assistant is deemed denied by the board on the date the applicant is sent notice from the board that he or she has failed the examination required by s. Med 8.05(1)(c).

(b) A temporary license expires on the first day of the next regularly scheduled oral examination for permanent licensure if the applicant is required to take, but failed to apply for, the examination.

(3) A temporary license may not be renewed.

(4) An applicant holding a temporary license may apply for one transfer of supervising physician and location during the term of the temporary license.

WIS. ADMIN. CODE Med. § 8-06

Wyoming

The board may issue a temporary license to any person who successfully completes a CAAHEP or other board approved program for the education and training of a physician assistant but has not passed a certification examination. To allow the opportunity to take the next available certification examination, any temporary license issued pursuant to this subsection shall be issued for a period not to exceed one (1) year and under conditions as the board determines pursuant to W.S. 33-26-505.

WYO. STAT. ANN. § 33-26-504(c)

[...]

(d) A temporary license may be issued under paragraph (b) to a physician assistant who meets all requirements for licensure except completion of the NCCPA certification examination. A temporary license may be issued to allow

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the physician assistant an opportunity to sit for the next available examination, such time period not to exceed one (1) year from the date of issuance of the temporary license.

[...]

AI BM 5 WYO. CODE R. § 9 (d)

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