

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

LCB File No. R180-20

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 630.130 and 630.275.

A REGULATION relating to physician assistants; revising the qualifications of certain applicants for licensure as a physician assistant; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Board of Medical Examiners to establish by regulation the standards for the licensure of physician assistants. (NRS 630.130) Existing law also requires the Board to adopt regulations regarding the licensure of physician assistants, including the required qualifications of applicants for licensure as a physician assistant. (NRS 630.275) Existing regulations authorize the Board to order an applicant for licensure as a physician assistant who has not practiced as a physician assistant for 12 months or more to take and pass the same examination to test medical competency as that given to applicants for initial licensure. (NAC 630.280) This regulation revises this provision to apply to an applicant who has not practiced as a physician assistant for 24 months or more.

Section 1. NAC 630.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.280 An applicant for licensure as a physician assistant must have the following qualifications:

1. If the applicant has not practiced as a physician assistant for ~~12~~ 24 months or more before applying for licensure in this State, he or she must, at the order of the Board, have taken and passed the same examination to test medical competency as that given to applicants for initial licensure.

2. Be a citizen of the United States or be lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States.
3. Be able to communicate adequately orally and in writing in the English language.
4. Be of good moral character and reputation.
5. Have attended and completed a course of training in residence as a physician assistant approved by one of the following entities affiliated with the American Medical Association or its successor organization:
 - (a) The Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation or its successor organization;
 - (b) The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its successor organization; or
 - (c) The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant or its successor organization.
6. Be certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants or its successor organization.
7. Possess a high school diploma, general equivalency diploma or postsecondary degree.