Licensing Requirements

All applicants for licensure must complete a Board-approved application for licensure and supply the supporting documents.

Examination

If you have recently graduated from a school of podiatry and are applying for your first podiatry license, you will need to apply for an original license. All applicants for licensure must:

- Complete the Application for Original License and submit with the current fee. (Fees are subject to change every July 1. Please check the application for current fee required.)
- Submit copy of birth certificate, passport, etc. (must be at least 21 years of age).
- Request official transcript(s) showing graduation from an approved podiatry school be sent directly to the Podiatry Board.
- Request your scores on the basic sciences examination given by the National Board of Podiatry Examiners be sent directly to the Podiatry Board (if your first license was not issued prior to 1970).
- Request your PMLexis scores be sent to the Podiatry Board.
- If you took the PMLexis more than two years ago, but have not been either in practice, in school, or in a residency during the past 24 months, you must retake the PMLexis. Submit the scores to the Podiatry Board.
- Submit proof that you have completed at least a one-year residency training program for podiatry. A letter from your residency program is acceptable.
- Submit copy of current CPR certification card.

Endorsement

If you are currently licensed in another state and wish to obtain a Colorado podiatry license, you must apply for license by endorsement. All applicants for licensure must:

- Complete the Application for Original License and submit with the current fee. (Fees are subject to change every July 1. Please check the application for current fee required.)
- Submit copy of birth certificate, passport, etc. (must be at least 21 years of age).
- Request official transcript(s) showing graduation from an approved podiatry school be sent directly to the Podiatry Board.
- Request your scores on the basic sciences examination given by the National Board of Podiatry Examiners be sent directly to the Podiatry Board (if your first license was not issued prior to 1970).
- Request your PMLexis scores be sent to the Podiatry Board.
- If you took the PMLexis more than two years ago, but have not been either in practice, in school, or in a residency during the past 24 months, you must retake the PMLexis. Submit the scores to the Podiatry Board.
- Submit proof that you have completed at least a one-year residency training program for podiatry. A letter from your residency program is acceptable.
- Submit copy of current CPR certification card.

In addition to the above, applicants for licensure by endorsement must:

- Request verification of licensure from all states where you hold/have held a podiatry license (if applicable) be sent to this office from the licensing agency in each state.
- Submit proof of active podiatry practice of at least 20 hours per week for the past five years preceding date of application, three of which must be in the same jurisdiction. (No more than a 6-month absence from practice during this time is permitted.)

Renewal

All "Current" (Active or Inactive) podiatrist licenses expire on May 31 each year.

60-day Grace Period

Podiatrists will be granted a 60-day extension in which to complete the renewal process of their license to practice podiatry. Any podiatrist who has not completed the renewal process by May 31 will have until July 31 in which to complete the process prior to the license being placed in an expired status.

Podiatrists who did not complete renewal during the last renewal period will need to apply for reinstatement.

Reinstatement

Reinstatement is necessary to change a license status from expired to either active or inactive. Do not use a reinstatement application to change a license status from inactive to active. Instead, you will need to apply for reactivation of your license.

To reinstate your license, you must complete and return the Reinstatement Application along with the applicable fee. The application may also require the following supporting documentation:

- Copy of current CPR certification;
- NPDB/HIPDB reports;
- Verification of licensure from all jurisdictions in which you have ever been licensed to practice podiatry;
- Copy of your current curriculum vitae;
- Letters of endorsement by three (3) licensed podiatrists or physicians who have observed your practice of podiatry and who can attest to your professional competence;
- Attestation that you have obtained a minimum of 10 hours continuing education sufficient to maintain currency in the file of podiatry for each year your license has been in an expired status;
- Evidence of your continued competency. To establish your continued competency, you will need to:
    - Provide verification that you hold an active license in at least one other jurisdiction.
    - Document the active practice of podiatry of at least 20 hours a week for the entire time your license has been expired, with no more than a six-month continuous absence during this time.
- If your license has been expired FIVE YEARS OR MORE, you will also need to:
    - Re-take and pass the PM LEXIS Part 3 examination.

Contact the Office of Licensing at (303) 894-7800 should you have questions or need additional information.

Reactivation

Reactivation is necessary to change a license status from inactive to active. Do not use a reactivation application to change a license status from EXPIRED to current. Instead, you will need to apply for reinstatement of your license.

To reactivate your license, you must complete and return the Reactivation Application along with the applicable fee. The application may also require the following supporting documentation:

- Copy of current CPR certification;
- NPDB/HIPDB reports;
- Verification of licensure from all jurisdictions in which you have ever been licensed to practice podiatry;
- Copy of your current curriculum vitae;
- Letters of endorsement by three (3) licensed podiatrists or physicians who have observed your practice of podiatry and who can attest to your professional competence;
- Attestation that you have obtained a minimum of 10 hours continuing education sufficient to maintain currency in the file of podiatry for each year your license has been in an inactive status;
- Evidence of your continued competency. To establish your continued competency, you will need to:
    - Provide verification that you hold an active license in at least one other jurisdiction.
    - Document the active practice of podiatry of at least 20 hours a week for the entire time your license has been expired, with no more than a six-month continuous absence during this time.

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Continued Competency Rule

The Continued Competency Rule requires that the applicant, if not having engaged in active practice for two or more years in any state or country prior to the request for reinstatement or reactivation of the license, be able to demonstrate continued competency. Competency may be demonstrated by re-testing and/or re-training, or other means as proposed to and accepted by the Board.