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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This letter is in response to your letter requesting information on the requirements for licensure of podiatrists and how primary verification of credentials is conducted by the Board. The following is provided:

Podiatry Education - Form in the application must be completed by the podiatry school and sent directly from the school to the Board.

Licensure examination - Scores must be sent directly from the examination agency to the Board.

Other state licensure - Applicant requests written verification be sent directly from all states where an applicant has ever held a license, registration, certification, or permit to practice.

Sincerely,

Pennsylvania State Board of Podiatry



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**PENNSYLVANIA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY  
Licensure Verification & Application Information**

Does the Board issue a separate license to participate in an American Podiatry Association approved residency program?

**No – Full, unrestricted licensure is needed to participate in a training program.**

What is the period of time a license is valid in Pennsylvania?

**2 Years—All licenses expire on the same date**

What is the biennial period?

**January 1, ODD to December 31, EVEN**

Does the Board provide a grace period to its licensed practitioners when their license expires?

**No**

Is Continuing Education required by the Board?

**Yes**

Initial Licensure:

All licensees regulated by the Board must complete 3 hours of Board-approved continuing education in child abuse recognition and reporting.

All prescribers or dispensers applying for licensure/approval must complete at least 4 hours of Board-approved education consisting of 2 hours in pain management or the identification of addiction and 2 hours in the practices of prescribing or dispensing of opioids. Applicants must document, within one year from issuance of the licensure/approval, that they completed this education either as part of an initial education program, a stand-alone course from a Board-approved course provider, or a continuing education course from an approved continuing education provider.

Renewal:

All licensees regulated by the Board must complete 2 hours of Board-approved continuing education in child abuse recognition and reporting.

**\*Additional requirements are posted on the Board's website at [www.dos.pa.gov/pod](http://www.dos.pa.gov/pod).**

Does the Board have a web site where license information can be verified?

**Yes**

**[www.pals.pa.gov/verify](http://www.pals.pa.gov/verify)**

How often is the information on your web site updated?

**Daily**

Is there a fee to obtain written verification of a license to another licensing board with issue date, expiration date, current status and possible disciplinary information and what is the fee?

**Yes**

**Certification/Verification of Licensure - \$15  
Requests must be submitted online at [www.pals.pa.gov](http://www.pals.pa.gov)**

Is the information on the web site the same information that would be provided in a verification of licensure?

**Yes**

Are disciplinary actions available on the Board's web site?	<b>Yes</b>
Is the information provided on the Board's web site considered electronically secure as well as a primary source for license verification?	<b>Yes</b>
Is the Board's web site considered a secure site?	<b>Yes</b>
How often is information regarding verification of licensure on the Board's web site updated?	<b>24-48 hours</b>
Is the Board's current newsletter as well as previous versions available on the web site?	<b>Yes</b>
If the applicant has a license in another state, do you verify current status (primary source verification directly from the licensing board to the PA Board) prior to issuing a license?	<b>Yes</b>
Does the Board verify all education/graduation (primary source verification directly from the school to the Board) prior to issuing a license?	<b>Yes</b>
Does the Board accept the Federation of State Medical Boards FCVS credentials verification service?	<b>No</b>
Does the Board verify examination scores (primary source verification directly from the examination agency to the Board) prior to issuing a license?	<b>Yes</b>
Can we obtain a list of all licensed practitioners on a CD/Disk/Emailed? Is there a fee?	<b>Yes – Go to <a href="http://www.pals.pa.gov">www.pals.pa.gov</a> - Other Services – List Sales</b>
Is disciplinary information available?	<b>Yes – This information is available at <a href="http://www.pals.pa.gov">www.pals.pa.gov</a> – Verify a License – Disciplinary Search. For copies of an action(s), contact the Prothonotary's Office at 717-772-2686</b>

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