

IDAPA 24 – DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

IDAHO STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

24.33.02 – Rules for Licensure of Physician Assistants

Who does this rule apply to?

This rule applies to physician assistants who are licensed or seek to be licensed under the Board of Medicine and to any physicians who are supervising or seek to supervise a physician assistant.

What is the purpose of this rule?

The purpose of this rule is to provide information on the eligibility for licensure, licensure fees, requirements for renewal of licenses, and continuing education requirements for physician assistants. In addition, this rule provides guidelines for the supervision of physician assistants.

What is the legal authority for the agency to promulgate this rule?

This rule implements the following statutes passed by the Idaho Legislature:

The Medical Practice Act

Physicians and Physician Assistants:

- [54-1801, et seq.](#)
- [54-1806, Idaho Code](#) – Powers and Duties
- [54-1806A, Idaho Code](#) – Medical Disciplinary Enforcement
- [54-1808, Idaho Code](#) – The Board to Issue Licenses
- [54-1812, Idaho Code](#) – Graduates of Medical Schools Located Outside of the United States and Canada
- [54-1813, Idaho Code](#) – Temporary License and Registration
- [54-1814, Idaho Code](#) – Grounds for Medical Discipline
- [54-1841, Idaho Code](#) – Volunteer's License – Qualifications

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24.33.02 – RULES FOR THE LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

These rules are promulgated pursuant to Section 54-1806, Idaho Code. (3-28-23)

001. SCOPE.

These rules govern the practice of physician assistants and graduate physician assistants. (3-28-23)

002. -- 009. (RESERVED)

010. DEFINITIONS.

01. Approved Program. A course of study for the education and training of physician assistants that is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for Physician Assistants (ARC-PA) or predecessor agency or equivalent agency recognized by the Board as recommended by the Committee. (3-28-23)

011. -- 019. (RESERVED)

020. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE.

Requirements for licensure and renewal are found in Title 54, Chapter 18, Idaho Code, IDAPA 24.33.03, and on Board-approved forms. (3-28-23)

021. -- 027. (RESERVED)

028. SCOPE OF PRACTICE.

01. Scope. The scope of practice of physician assistants and graduate physician assistants includes only those duties and responsibilities identified in a collaborative practice agreement or the facility bylaws or procedures of any facility with credentialing and privileging systems. (3-28-23)

02. Collaborative Practice Agreement. A collaborative practice agreement will comply with Title 54, Chapter 18, Idaho Code and will contain the following elements: (3-28-23)

- a.** The parties to the agreement; (3-28-23)
- b.** The authorized scope of practice for each licensed physician assistant or graduate physician assistant; (3-28-23)
- c.** A requirement that the physician assistant or graduate physician assistant must collaborate with, consult with, or refer to the collaborating physician or another appropriate physician as indicated by: the condition of the patient; the education, experience and competence of the physician assistant or graduate physician assistant; and the community standard of care; and (3-28-23)
- d.** If necessary, any monitoring parameters. (3-28-23)

03. Advertise. No physician assistant or graduate physician assistant may advertise or represent himself either directly or indirectly, as a physician. (3-28-23)

04. Emergency or Disaster Care. A collaborative practice agreement is not necessary for a licensed physician assistant or graduate physician assistant to render medical services to an ill or injured person at the scene of an emergency or disaster (not to be defined as an emergency situation which occurs in the place of one's employment) and while continuing to care for such person. (3-28-23)

029. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

Requirements for Renewal. Prior to renewal of each license as set forth by the expiration date on the face of the certificate, physician assistants shall attest to maintenance of certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants or similar certifying agency approved by the Board, which certification requires a minimum of one hundred (100) hours of continuing medical education over a two-year (2) period. (3-28-23)

030. -- 035. (RESERVED)

036. GRADUATE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT.

01. Licensure Prior to Certification Examination -- Board Consideration. Any person who has graduated from an approved physician assistant training 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 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, provided: (3-28-23)

a. The applicant will submit to the Board, within ten (10) business days of receipt, a copy of acknowledgment of sitting for the national certification examination. The applicant will submit to the Board, within ten (10) business days of receipt, a copy of the national certification examination results. (3-28-23)

b. After the graduate physician assistant has passed the certification examination, the Board will 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. (3-28-23)

c. 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. (3-28-23)

d. If the graduate physician assistant fails to pass the certifying examination on two (2) separate occasions, the graduate physician assistant's license will automatically be canceled upon receipt of the second failing certification examination score. (3-28-23)

e. The graduate physician assistant applicant will 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. (3-28-23)

02. Licensure Prior to College Baccalaureate Degree -- Board Consideration. Licensure as a graduate physician assistant may also be considered upon application made to the Board on forms supplied by the Board and payment of the prescribed fee when all application requirements have been met as set forth in Section 020 of these rules, except receipt of documentation of a college baccalaureate degree, provided: (3-28-23)

a. A college baccalaureate degree from a nationally accredited school with a curriculum approved by the United States Secretary of Education, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, or both, or from a school accredited by another such agency approved by the Board shall be completed within five (5) years of initial licensure in Idaho; (3-28-23)

03. No Prescribing Authority. Graduate physician assistants shall not be entitled to issue any written or oral prescriptions unless granted an exemption by the Board. Application for an exemption must be in writing and accompany documentation of a minimum of five (5) years of recent practice as a physician assistant in another state. (3-28-23)

037. -- 050. (RESERVED)

051. FEES - TABLE.

Nonrefundable fees are as follows:

Fees – Table (Non-Refundable)		
Licensure Fee - Physician Assistant & Graduate Physician Assistant	-	Not more than \$250
Annual License Renewal Fee	-	Not more than \$150
Reinstatement Fee	-	\$50 plus past renewal fees
Reinstatement Fee for Graduate Physician Assistant	-	Not more than \$100
Inactive License Fee	-	Not more than \$150

Fees – Table (Non-Refundable)		
Annual Renewal of Inactive License Fee	-	Not more than \$100
Inactive Conversion Fee	-	Not more than \$150

(3-28-23)

052. -- 999. (RESERVED)