

Part 3 Licensing

58-70a-301 Licensure required -- License classifications.

- (1) A license is required to engage in practice as a physician assistant, except as specifically provided in Section 58-70a-305 or 58-1-307.
- (2) The division shall issue to a person who qualifies under this chapter a license in the classification of physician assistant.

Enacted by Chapter 229, 1997 General Session

58-70a-302 Qualifications for licensure.

Each applicant for licensure as a physician assistant shall:

- (1) submit an application in a form prescribed by the division;
- (2) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
- (3) be of good moral character;
- (4) have successfully completed a physician assistant program accredited by the:
 - (a) Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant; or
 - (b) if prior to January 1, 2001, either the:
 - (i) Committee on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs; or
 - (ii) Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation;
- (5) have passed the licensing examinations required by division rule made in collaboration with the board;
- (6) meet with the board and representatives of the division, if requested, for the purpose of evaluating the applicant's qualifications for licensure; and
- (7)
 - (a) if the applicant desires to practice in Utah, complete a form provided by the division indicating:
 - (i) the applicant has completed a delegation of services agreement signed by the physician assistant, supervising physician, and substitute supervising physicians; and
 - (ii) the agreement is on file at the Utah practice sites; or
 - (b) complete a form provided by the division indicating the applicant is not practicing in Utah and, prior to practicing in Utah, the applicant will meet the requirements of Subsection (7)(a).

Amended by Chapter 37, 2010 General Session

58-70a-303 Term of license -- Expiration -- Renewal.

- (1)
 - (a) The division shall issue each license under this chapter in accordance with a two-year renewal cycle established by division rule.
 - (b) The division may by rule extend or shorten a renewal period by as much as one year to stagger the renewal cycles it administers.
- (2) At the time of renewal, the licensee shall show compliance with continuing education renewal requirements.
- (3) Each license issued under this chapter expires on the expiration date shown on the license unless renewed in accordance with Section 58-1-308.

Amended by Chapter 268, 2001 General Session

58-70a-304 License renewal -- Continuing education.

- (1) Prior to license renewal, each licensee shall, during each two-year licensure cycle or other cycle defined by division rule, complete qualified continuing professional education requirements as defined by division rule made in collaboration with the board.
- (2) If a renewal period is extended or shortened under Section 58-70a-303, the continuing education hours required for license renewal under this section are increased or decreased proportionally.

Amended by Chapter 268, 2001 General Session

58-70a-305 Exemptions from licensure.

In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Section 58-1-307, the following persons may engage in acts included within the definition of practice as a physician assistant, subject to the stated circumstances and limitations, without being licensed under this chapter:

- (1) a student enrolled in an accredited physician assistant education program while engaged in activities as a physician assistant:
 - (a) that are a part of the education program;
 - (b) that are conducted under the direct supervision of a:
 - (i) physician associated with the program; or
 - (ii) licensed physician assistant, at the request of the supervising physician and on a temporary basis, as defined by rule;
 - (c) for which the program accepts in writing the responsibility for the student; and
- (2) a "medical assistant," as defined in Sections 58-67-102 and 58-68-102, who:
 - (a) does not diagnose, advise, independently treat, or prescribe to or on behalf of any person; and
 - (b) for whom the supervising physician accepts responsibility.

Amended by Chapter 238, 2016 General Session

58-70a-306 Temporary license.

- (1) An 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 under Subsection (2).
- (2)
 - (a) The applicant shall submit to the division evidence of completion of a physician assistant program as defined in Subsection 58-70a-302(4).
 - (b)
 - (i) The 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.
 - (ii) The temporary license may not be renewed or extended.
 - (c) 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.

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