

**NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN LICENSING AMENDMENTS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends licensing provisions in the Naturopathic Physician Practice Act.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ specifies that the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing may rely on a credentialing association to certify that an applicant for licensure by endorsement as a naturopathic physician has met one or more of the requirements for licensure; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**58-71-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 17

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **58-71-302** is amended to read:

**58-71-302. Qualifications for licensure.**

(1) An applicant for licensure as a naturopathic physician, except as set forth in Subsection (2), shall:

- (a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the division, which may include:

30 (i) submissions by the applicant of information maintained by practitioner data banks, as  
31 designated by division rule, with respect to the applicant; and

32 (ii) a record of professional liability claims made against the applicant and settlements  
33 paid by or in behalf of the applicant;

34 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63-38-3.2;

35 (c) be of good moral character;

36 (d) provide satisfactory documentation of having successfully completed a program of  
37 professional education preparing an individual as a naturopathic physician, as evidenced by  
38 having received an earned degree of doctor of naturopathic medicine from:

39 (i) a naturopathic medical school or college accredited by the Council of Naturopathic  
40 Medical Education or its successor organization approved by the division;

41 (ii) a naturopathic medical school or college that is a candidate for accreditation by the  
42 Council of Naturopathic Medical Education or its successor organization, and is approved by  
43 the division in collaboration with the board, upon a finding there is reasonable expectation the  
44 school or college will be accredited; or

45 (iii) a naturopathic medical school or college which, at the time of the applicant's  
46 graduation, met current criteria for accreditation by the Council of Naturopathic Medical  
47 Education or its successor organization approved by the division;

48 (e) provide satisfactory documentation of having successfully completed, after  
49 successful completion of the education requirements set forth in Subsection (1)(d), 12 months  
50 of clinical experience in naturopathic medicine in a residency program recognized by the  
51 division and associated with an accredited school or college of naturopathic medicine, and under  
52 the preceptorship of a licensed naturopathic physician, physician and surgeon, or osteopathic  
53 physician;

54 (f) pass the licensing examination sequence required by division rule established in  
55 collaboration with the board;

56 (g) be able to read, write, speak, understand, and be understood in the English language  
57 and demonstrate proficiency to the satisfaction of the board if requested by the board; and

58 (h) meet with the board and representatives of the division, if requested, for the purpose  
59 of evaluating the applicant's qualifications for licensure.

60 (2) (a) ~~[Am]~~ In accordance with Subsection (2)(b), an applicant for licensure as a  
61 naturopathic physician ~~[qualifying]~~ under the endorsement provision of Section 58-1-302 shall:

62 ~~[(a)] (i) [be currently licensed in good standing in another jurisdiction as set forth in]~~  
63 meet the requirements of Section 58-1-302;

64 ~~[(b)] (ii)~~ document having met all requirements for licensure under Subsection (1)  
65 except the clinical experience requirement of Subsection (1)(e);

66 ~~[(c)] (iii)~~ have passed the examination requirements established under Subsection (1)(f)  
67 which:

68 ~~[(i)] (A)~~ the applicant has not passed in connection with licensure in another state or  
69 jurisdiction; and

70 ~~[(ii)] (B)~~ are available to the applicant to take without requiring additional professional  
71 education;

72 ~~[(d)] (iv)~~ have been actively engaged in the practice of a naturopathic physician for not  
73 less than 6,000 hours during the five years immediately preceding the date of application for  
74 licensure in Utah; and

75 ~~[(e)] (v)~~ meet with the board and representatives of the division~~[, if requested]~~ for the  
76 purpose of evaluating the applicant's qualifications for licensure.

77 (b) The division may rely, either wholly or in part, on one or more credentialing  
78 associations designated by division rule, made in collaboration with the board, to document and  
79 certify in writing to the satisfaction of the division that an applicant has met each of the  
80 requirements of this Subsection (2), including the requirements of Section 58-1-302 that:

81 (i) the applicant holds a current license;

82 (ii) the education, experience, and examination requirements of the foreign country or  
83 the state, district, or territory of the United States that issued the applicant's license are, or were  
84 at the time the license was issued, equal to those of this state for licensure as a naturopathic  
85 physician; and

86            (iii) the applicant has produced evidence satisfactory to the division of the applicant's  
87 qualifications, identity, and good standing as a naturopathic physician.