

50-02-11-03.1. Limitation on attempts at examination passage.

1. An applicant is permitted a maximum of ~~three~~ four attempts to pass each step or part of component of a licensing examination. ~~This rule does not apply to an individual who required more than three attempts to pass USMLE step 1 or USMLE step 2 if that individual was enrolled in a postgraduate training program in North Dakota prior to July 10, 2005, and if:~~
 - ~~a. The individual is still enrolled in the program when the application for licensure is submitted to the board's office; or~~
 - ~~b. The individual has completed the program successfully.~~

Parts, steps, and components may not be combined so as to enlarge the number of attempts permitted under this rule.

2. Upon review of an individual applicant, the board may allow an exception to this rule if it finds that it is in the best interest of the state and the applicant:
 - a. Is validly licensed as a physician in another state;
 - b. Has practiced a minimum of ten years;
 - c. Has no disciplinary actions imposed by any other state medical licensing board;
 - d. Is certified by a specialty board recognized by the American board of medical specialties or by the royal college of physicians and surgeons of Canada; and
 - e. Meets the requirement of section 50-02-11-02, regarding the time limit for examination attempts.

50-02-13-09. Fees. The fee for a postgraduate training license is ~~twenty-five dollars for each year for which the license is valid.~~ one hundred dollars for the duration of the postgraduate training program.

50-03-01-14. License renewal requirements. Every second year after the initial licensure of a physician assistant, the assistant's license renewal application must be accompanied with evidence of the successful completion of one hundred hours of continued education for physician assistants. ~~Every sixth year, the applicant must demonstrate that the applicant has successfully passed reexamination~~ current certification by the national commission on certification of physician assistants or other certifying ~~reexamination~~ entity approved by the board.

50-04-01-04. Compliance.

1. All physicians will periodically be required to answer questions on the board's annual license renewal forms to establish compliance, or eligibility for an exception, pursuant to this chapter. ~~Physicians whose surnames begin with letters A through H shall report their CME credits to the board in the year 2001 and every third year thereafter. Physicians whose surnames begin with letters I through O shall report their CME credits to the board in the year 2002 and every third year thereafter. Physicians whose surnames begin with letters P through Z shall report their CME credits to the board in the year 2003 and every third year thereafter.~~ Physicians are not required to provide additional documentation of compliance with continuing education requirements unless specifically requested to do so by the board.

Any physician who is required to report CME credits after having been licensed to practice medicine in North Dakota for more than one year but less than two full years will be required to demonstrate completion of twenty hours of board-approved CME credits during that physician's initial CME reporting period.

Any physician who is required to report CME credits after having been licensed to practice medicine in North Dakota for more than two years but less than three full years will be required to demonstrate completion of forty hours of board-approved CME during that physician's initial CME reporting period.

False statements regarding satisfaction of continuing education requirements on the renewal form or on any documents connected with the practice of medicine may subject the licensee to disciplinary action by the board.

2. Each year the board will audit randomly selected physicians to monitor compliance with the continuing medical education requirements. Any physician so audited will be required to furnish documentation of compliance including the name of the accredited CME provider, name of the program, hours of continuing medical education completed, dates of attendance, evidence of credit designation (i.e. category 1 designation, prescribed credit designation, etc.) and verification of attendance. Any physician who fails to provide verification of compliance with the CME requirements will be subject to revocation of licensure.
3. In order to facilitate the board's audits, every physician is required to maintain a record of all CME activities in which the physician has participated. Every physician must maintain those records for a period of at least one year following the time when those CME activities were reported to the board.