**Section 1350.40 Application for Licensure**

a) An applicant for licensure as a physician assistant shall file an application on forms provided by the Division. The application shall include:

1) Current valid certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) or its successor agency as approved by the Division. If the applicant is unable to provide proof of current valid certification, the applicant shall provide:

A) Certification of graduation from an approved program that meets the requirements set forth in Section 1350.30 or certification from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, or its successor agency as approved by the Division, that the applicant has substantially equivalent training and experience; and

B) Certification of successful completion of the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination. The certification shall be forwarded to the Division from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, or its successor agency as approved by the Division;

2) A certification from the jurisdiction of original licensure and current licensure stating (if applicable):

A) The date of issuance and status of the license; and

B) Whether the records of the licensing authority contain any record of disciplinary actions taken or pending;

3) The fee required in Section 1350.25.

b) A physician assistant license will be issued when the applicant meets the requirements set forth above. However, a physician assistant may not practice until a notice of collaboration has been filed in accordance with Section 1350.100.

c) The collaborating physician shall submit a notice of prescriptive authority indicating the physician assistant has been delegated prescriptive authority. If the physician assistant has a written collaborative agreement with more than one physician, a separate notice of prescriptive authority shall be submitted by each collaborating physician. In addition, if prescriptive authority includes Schedule II, III, IV and/or V controlled substances, the physician assistant will be required to apply for a mid-level practitioner license in accordance with the Illinois Controlled Substances Act.

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