



TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

LICENSE STATUS – DEFINITIONS / MEANINGS

LICENSE STATUS: “License Status” has the following possible meanings:

1. **NEW** = Upon successfully passing the examination, an applicant is given a "New" designation and then shall submit an "Activation" fee for an "Active" license (i.e. registration for the remainder of the current year) in order to lawfully practice podiatric medicine in the State of Texas. Practice without activating a license is a criminal act in violation of Texas Occupations Code §202.605 "General Criminal Penalty: Practice Without License." If a "New" license is not activated within one year of examination date, the license will be "Cancelled." The applicant is then required to re-submit the entire application and applicable fees for licensure which includes re-taking the examination.
2. **PENDING** = The term "Pending" indicates that a DPM license renewal has been initiated but the Board is awaiting completion of financial/payment verification through the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Once payment verification has been completed, the license status will be changed to "Active."
3. **ACTIVE** = DPM license is current and has been renewed. A person may renew his unexpired license by paying to the Board before the expiration date of the license the required renewal fee. A license to practice podiatric medicine expires ANNUALLY on November 1st @ 11:59 p.m. To be eligible to renew the license, a licensee must comply with the continuing education requirements prescribed by the Board. Upon completion of proper renewal, an annual renewal certificate for the current year is issued. For purposes of public verification, the license is considered to be in an "Active" status.
4. **INACTIVE** = DPM license has been placed on “Inactive” status at the request of the licensee. A holder of a license that is on “Inactive” status may NOT practice podiatric medicine in this state and may remain on “Inactive” status for four (4) years. If licensee does not return to “Active” status prior to the expiration of four (4) years, the license is “Delinquent” and the licensee must pay a late renewal penalty in addition to the requirements for returning to “Active” status.
5. **DELINQUENT** = DPM has failed to renew license for the current year. For purposes of public verification, the license is considered to be in a "Delinquent" status. Subject to certain limitations, a licensee in a “Delinquent” status is not fully prohibited from practicing during a 30-day grace period from November 1st - December 1st. However, if any entity providing the licensee clinical privileges wishes to restrict a licensee in a “Delinquent” status, for liability reasons, they may do so. "Delinquent" license holders are allowed a 30-day grace period to renew their licenses. Beginning on December 1st of each year, the Board will enforce practicing without a license penalties to include the

issuance of Cease & Desist Notices or Orders. If a person's "Delinquent" license has been expired for 90 days or less, the person may renew the license by paying to the Board a fee equal to 1-1/2 times the required renewal fee. If a person's "Delinquent" license has been expired for more than 90 days but less than one year, the person may renew the license by paying to the Board all unpaid renewal fees and a fee that is equal to two times the required renewal fee. A person with an expired license who practices podiatry without an annual renewal certificate for the current year is considered to be practicing without a license and is subject to all the penalties of the practice of podiatry without a license.

6. **CANCELLED** = DPM license is "Cancelled" by request or if a person's "Delinquent" license has been expired for one year or longer (operation of law), the person may not renew the license. For purposes of public verification, the license is then considered to have been "Cancelled". The person may obtain a new license by submitting to reexamination and complying with the requirements and procedures for obtaining an original license. A person with a "Cancelled" license who practices podiatry without an annual renewal certificate for the current year is considered to be practicing without a license and is subject to all the penalties of the practice of podiatry without a license.
7. **TEMPORARY** = Podiatry Residents enrolled in an accredited GPME residency (training) program hold a "Temporary" license (i.e. No. "T##-####"). All "Temporary" licenses expire ANNUALLY by June 30th. Licenses not applied for or not renewed by this deadline are subject to all administrative and criminal penalties of "Practicing Without A License." A "Temporary" licensee (i.e. Podiatry Resident) granted a "Temporary" license for the purpose of pursuing a GPME program in the State of Texas shall not engage in the ("Active") practice of podiatric medicine, whether for compensation or free of charge, outside the scope and limits of the GPME program in which he or she is enrolled. A "Temporary" license holder shall not be considered to be a fully "Active" licensed podiatrist as provided under §378.13 of the Board Rules who independently practices podiatric medicine without supervision. A "Temporary" license holder is a person in training and is limited by the GPME program in which he or she is enrolled for residency based supervised patient encounters, supervision of which is designed to protect patients and the citizens of Texas.
8. **PROVISIONAL** = DPM who has met the qualifications for "Active" licensure and is awaiting the next scheduled License Exam, but is allowed to conditionally practice (with certain limitations) under the sponsorship of an "Actively" licensed DPM in good standing.
9. **EMERGENCY PROVISIONAL** = DPM who is allowed to conditionally practice (with certain limitations) under the sponsorship of an "Actively" licensed DPM in good standing ... BUT ONLY for the purpose of responding to a disaster in the state of Texas upon the issuance of a declaration by the Governor of Texas or the President of the United States.
10. **RETIRED** = DPM license has been "Retired" and person shall not practice.
11. **EXEMPT** = DPM is in Full-Time Active Duty U.S. Military Service. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code §202.304, Full-Time Active Duty U.S. Military podiatrists are not required to pay the license renewal fee; however, they are required to renew their licenses annually and must along with the renewal submit a letter to the Board from their Commanding Officer affirming U.S. Military service.
12. **DECEASED** = DPM licensee is deceased.
13. **REVOKED** = DPM license has been revoked by "Disciplinary Action" and person shall not practice.

14. **SUSPENDED** = DPM license has been suspended by “Disciplinary Action” and person shall not practice within a specified period of time in accordance with Board order.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION: If the “Disciplinary Action” field contains a “YES” it means that the TSBPME has taken disciplinary action against the licensee. Board orders can be viewed/printed at the following www.tsbpme.texas.gov/verification.disciplinary.htm.