



PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD

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STATEMENT REGARDING "PRIMARY SOURCE DATA" USED TO  
VERIFY AN APPLICANT'S CREDENTIALS FOR LICENSURE

In response to your request for information regarding requirements and procedures utilized by the Physician Assistant Board to verify an applicant's credentials for licensure as a physician assistant, the following statement is being provided:

Documents required in our application process include:

1. Certification of completion of a physician assistant training program. Certification must be submitted directly from the training program to the Board.
2. Certification of passing score of the Physician Assistant National Certification Examination. Certifications must be submitted directly from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants to the Board.
3. Verification of licensure or registration as a physician assistant and/or other health care provider from other states. Verifications must be submitted directly from the respective licensing agencies to the Board.
4. Applicants must be fingerprinted. Fingerprints are used to obtain the criminal history records from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the California Department of Justice for convictions of crimes substantially related to the practice as a physician assistant.

Sincerely,

Maureen L. Forsyth  
Executive Officer  
Physician Assistant Board