

## New Mexico

### Processing time

Table NM1 describes application processing times, portrays whether temporary or provisional licenses were granted, and lists if military spouse applications were expedited. Cosmetology, Dental Hygiene, Massage Therapy, Pharmacy Technician, and Teacher (Education) boards met the DoD's goal of granting a license within 30 days. All of the examined boards expedited military spouse applications.

**Table NM1**  
*New Mexico Application Processing Times*

	Processing time		Temporary/ Provisional	Expedited for military spouses
Accounting				▷
Cosmetology	•			▷
Dental Hygiene	•			▷
Massage Therapy	•		•	▷
Pharmacy Technician			•	▷
Teacher (Education)	•		•	▷

Legend	
•	Military spouses can work within 30 days
▲	License processing takes over 30 days
-	Variable processing time
✓	Board approves applications at board meetings
▷	Expedited for military spouses
★	Applicable if spouse has an employment offer
	Data unknown

Note: Temporary/Provisional column is marked when these licenses are issued by a board.

### Documentation requirements

Tables NM2 and NM3 display the documents that are needed by each board and should be viewed together to determine a board's paperwork requirements. Most of the New Mexico boards that were examined required proof that the applicant holds an occupational license in another state. The amount of documentation required by boards varies; for example, Cosmetology and Dental Hygiene applicants must submit 10 documents each, and Massage Therapy applicants are only required to submit four.

**Table NM2**  
*New Mexico Documentation Requirements*

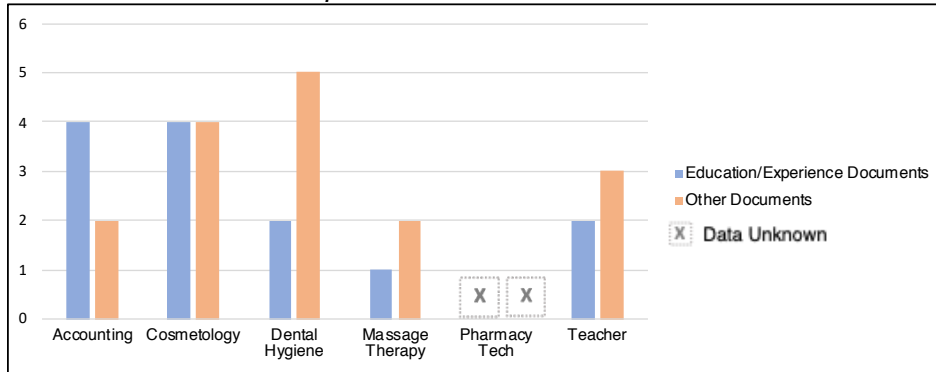
	Previous license	Background check	National exam results	State/Regional exam results
Accounting	•	•		•
Cosmetology		N/A	•	•
Dental Hygiene	•		•	•
Massage Therapy	•			
Pharmacy Technician			•	
Teacher (Education)	•	•	•	•

Legend	
•	Documentation must be submitted with application
	Not required to be submitted
N/A	Not applicable
	Data unknown

Note: Cosmetology boards did not require applicants to submit background checks or clearance information, so these data were not collected.

**Table NM3**

*Number of Education/Experience Documents or Other Documents*



Note: “Other documents” include documents such as a driver’s license, marriage license, or military ID card.

Dental Hygiene “other documents” also include medical-related documents, such as CPR certification, radiation safety training, or a malpractice insurance letter; thus, these numbers may be higher than in other occupations.

**Application Process**

Table NM4 presents key elements of the application process. Most of the examined boards in New Mexico defined the application process, and the majority of the boards provided clear instructions.

**Table NM4**

*New Mexico Application Process*

	Process was defined	Instructions were clear	Number of steps to complete
Accounting	•	•	more than 7
Cosmetology	•	•	4-6
Dental Hygiene	•	•	more than 7
Massage Therapy	•	•	more than 7
Pharmacy Technician	•		
Teacher (Education)	•	•	4-6

Legend	
•	The board meets the listed criteria
	Data unknown or cannot access the information

**Information Accessibility**

Figure NM1 illustrates how easily one can locate specific licensing information that pertained to military spouses on examined occupational board websites. See page 38 for information on how this result was determined.

**Figure NM1**

*State-Wide Website Information Accessibility*

