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Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners Launches Digital Fingerprinting Program

RENO, NV - The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board), the agency charged with regulating various medical professionals, has incorporated into its licensing process a new digital fingerprinting option for physicians, physician assistants, respiratory care practitioners, perfusionists and anesthesiologist assistants.

“The implementation of digital fingerprinting has the potential to significantly expedite the licensing process without compromising public safety,” said Edward Cousineau, J.D., Executive Director for the Board.

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 630.167, individuals applying to the Board for licensure must submit to a criminal background investigation. Prior to March 2024, Board staff were required to send via mail, authorization forms, fingerprint cards and instructions to every applicant.

With the advent of electronic fingerprinting, also known as LiveScan, applicants may submit fingerprints either electronically via LiveScan, or via the previously traditional fingerprinting process. If the applicant chooses to use LiveScan, the fingerprints are sent directly from the LiveScan site to Nevada’s Department of Public Safety (NDPS) electronically, negating the need for the applicant to send the fingerprint cards back to the Board, who then forwards them to the NDPS for processing.

The NDPS only accepts electronic fingerprints from applicants who have fingerprints taken in Nevada. For more information, please visit [Fingerprints \(nv.gov\)](https://www.nv.gov/fingerprints).

ABOUT THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners serves the State of Nevada by ensuring that only well-qualified, competent physicians, physician assistants, respiratory therapists, perfusionists and anesthesiologist assistants are licensed to practice in Nevada.

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The Board responds expediently to complaints by conducting fair and thorough investigations that result in appropriate action. In all Board activities, the Board places the interests of the public before the interests of the medical profession, and encourages public input and involvement, as we work to improve the quality of medical practice in Nevada. For more information, please visit [Medical Examiners Board \(nv.gov\)](http://www.nv.gov).

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