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STATE MEDICAL BOARDS

Reentry to Practice Requirements for Physicians and Physician Assistants
Board-by-Board Overview

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AL	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Ala. Board of Med. Exam. Admin. Code Ch. 540-X-23-.03	" Considerations on Closing or Leaving a Practice ," ALBME (incl. instructions on license reinstatement)
	PA	X	X	X	X	X	Ala. Admin. Code r. 540-X-24-.01 - .03	"A physician assistant's absence from clinical practice for more than two years creates a rebuttable presumption of clinical incompetence"
AK	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Alaska Stat. § 08.64.276 12 AAC 40.031	

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	PA	X	—	—	X	—	Alaska Admin. Code tit. 12, § 40.473 and 40.475	Reentry applicants must present a current certificate issued by the National Commission of Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). Varying reentry requirements whether inactivity is less than one year or between one and five years. "The Board may refuse to reactivate PA authorization for the same reasons that it may impose disciplinary sanctions against a licensee"
AZ-M ¹	Physician	X	X	X	—	—	Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 32-1431	
	PA	X	X	X	—	X	Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 32-2528	"The Board may require any combination of physical examination, psychiatric or psychological evaluation, oral competency examination or a Board qualified written examination or interview it believes necessary to assist it in determining the ability of a PA who holds an inactive license to return to regular licensure."
AZ-O	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Application Procedures For Doctors Re-Entering Practice	
AR	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Ark. Med. Board Reg. 39	The Board does not always require fitness-to-practice exam.

Note: PA licensing Board information is from the American Academy of Physician Associates' (AAPA) [List of Licensing Boards](#)

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	PA	X	—	—	—	—	Ark. Code Ann. § 17-105-104 and 105	Reentry process requires: (1) Submitting the appropriate fee as determined by the Board; (2) Completing the appropriate forms; and (3) Meeting any other requirements set forth by the Board.
CA-M ²	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Cal. Bus & Prof Code § 704 Cal. Bus & Prof Code § 2428	
	PA	X	—	—	X	—	Cal. Code Regs. tit. 16, § 1399.619	
CA-O	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Cal. Bus & Prof Code § 2428 Cal. Code Regs. tit. 16 § 1646	The Board may review on a case-by-case basis, require test, and or fitness evaluation.
CO	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Col. Rev. Stat. § 12-240-119 3 Colo. Code Regs. § 713-1.8	A reentry license shall be valid for no more than three years and shall not be renewable. Licensing panel “may exercise discretion to require the individual to undertake a competency assessment or evaluation, supervised practice, or educational program.”
	PA	X	X	—	X	X	Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 12-240-141 3 Colo. Code Regs. § 713-1(1.9 D-F)	In the discretion of the Board, the physician assistant may be issued a re-entry license for the specific purpose of completing the education and/or training requirements. The re-entry license is valid for a single period of time not greater than three (3) years from the date of issue.

² California PAs are licensed and regulated by the [Physician Assistant Board](#)

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CT	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Conn. Gen Stat § 20-10b	Applicants for reinstatement who have not been in the active, clinical practice of medicine for longer than 6 months are reviewed by the CMEB. " Reinstatement of a Lapsed License "
	PA	X	—	X	—	—	" Reinstatement of a Lapsed License " CT Dept. of Public Health	Reentry applicants must present a current certificate issued by the NCCPA. Applicants inactive for five years or more "are required to complete a period of refresher training or pass an examination."
DE	Physician	X	X	—	X	X	Del. Code tit. 24 § 1723 Del. Admin. Code Title 24.7	Physicians out of practice for 3 years or more must complete approved re-entry program
	PA	X	X	—	X	—	Del. Code Ann. tit. 24, § 1774D	For inactivity over 3, the Board may grant a re-entry license (valid for six months, and can be renewed once) and may, after consultation with the Council, impose additional practice and collaboration requirements for the re-entry license.
DC	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Policy Re-Entry to Active Practice (Revised)	
	PA	X	X	X	X	X	D.C. Mun. Regs. r. 17-4906.5	Must hold a current valid certificate from the NCCPA. The Policy Re-Entry to Active Practice (Revised) also applies to "other health care professionals licensed by... the Board"

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FL-M	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Fla. Stat § 458.321 Fla. Admin. Code r. 64B8-7.002	Reentry after 3 years requires participation in a program approved by the Board for 6 months or more including supervised practice
	PA	X	—	X	X	X	Fla. Stat. Ann. § 456.036	An inactive status licensee may change to active status at any time, if the licensee meets all requirements for active status.
FL-O	Physician	X	X	X	X	—	Fla. Admin. Code Rule 64B15-12.0075	Reentry after 5 years requires an appearance before the Board to “establish the ability to practice with the care and skill sufficient to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public”
	PA	X	—	—	X	X	Fla. Admin. Code Ann. r. 64B15-6.0035(7)	Must hold a current valid certificate from the NCCPA, and “practice under the direct supervision of a supervising physician approved by the Council for one (1) year.”
GA	Physician	X	X	X	—	X	Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 360-2-.06 (inactivity) & .07 (revocation)	“The Board, in its discretion, may impose any remedial requirements deemed necessary.”
	PA	X	X	—	X	—	Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 360-5-.08	The PA must be able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that he or she has maintained current knowledge, skill and proficiency in the medical arts.

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GU ³	Physician	X	—	X	X	—	Guam Code Ann. § 12215(b)-(d) Guam Adm. Code § 10601	License may be renewed within 4 years after following conditions. “The Board shall be directed to establish an effective system for reviewing re-registration forms.”
	PA	—	—	—	—	—	25 GAR § 10	
HI	Physician	—	X	X	X	X	Hawaii Medical Board “Restoration Information”	Failure to restore a forfeited license within 1 year (MDGs: physicians employed by state or local gov’t) or 2 years (MDs) “will result in the termination of the license and the person must apply as a new applicant and meet current licensing requirements.”
	PA	X	X	—	—	—	Haw. Code R. § 16-85-50	Must hold a current valid certificate from the NCCPA, and “A statement signed by the licensed physician or group of physicians... who will direct and supervise the PA.”
ID	Physician	—	X	X	X	—	Idaho Admin. Code § 22.01.01.078.04 Physician Re-Entry After Absence From Practice Application For Medical Licensure	Physicians whose licenses have been canceled for a period of more than 5 years, shall be required to make application to the Board as new applicants for licensure.
	PA	X	X	—	—	X	Idaho Code Ann. § 54-1808(2) Idaho Admin. Code r. 24.33.03.104	“If a person wishes to convert [their] inactive license to an active license, [they] must account to the Board for that period of time in which [they] held an inactive license.”

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IL	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Ill. Admin. Code tit 68 § 1285.130	A licensee seeking restoration of a license that has been placed on inactive status for 3 years or less shall have the license restored upon payment of the renewal fee, submission of a completed physician profile , and the CME requirements for the last renewal period.
	PA	X	X	X	X	—	Ill. Admin. Code tit. 68, § 1350.117	Varying requirements based on length of inactivity (more or less than 3 years). Those with longer periods of inactivity must hold a current valid certificate from the NCCPA and may be required to appear for an interview with the Advisory Committee.
IN ⁴	Physician	X	X	—	X	—	Ind. Code 25-22.5-7-1 Ind. Code 25-1-8-6	Licensees out of practice for 3 years or more must complete the requirements for reinstatement (see Ind. Code 25-1-8-6), including “such remediation and additional training as deemed appropriate by the board given the lapse of time involved.” License may be restored upon the Board’s discretion.
	PA	X	—	X	X	X	IN Code § 25-27.5-4-6 IN Code § 25-1-8-6	PAs inactive for more than 3 years may have to “complete such remediation and additional training as deemed appropriate by the Board given the lapse of time involved.”
IA ⁵	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Iowa Code § 148.9 Iowa Admin Code § 653-9.15	Licensees seeking reinstatement after more than 1 year of inactivity must complete the full suite of requirements.
	PA	X	—	—	X	—	Iowa Admin. Code r. 645-326.19	PAs inactive for less than 5 years must complete 100 hours of CME or hold a current valid certificate from the NCCPA; inactivity for more than 5 years requires 200 hours of CME or a valid NCCPA certificate

⁴ Indiana PAs are licensed and regulated by the Professional Licensing Agency’s [PA Committee](#)

⁵ Iowa PAs are licensed and regulated by the [Board of Physician Assistants](#)

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KS	Physician	X	X	—	X	X	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 65-2809(e) Kan. Admin. Regs. § 100-6-6	Any license canceled for failure to renew may be reinstated within 2 years, upon recommendation of the Board, payment of renewal fees, and proof of compliance with CME requirements. After a longer period of inactivity, applicants “shall submit a proposed reentry plan for review by the Board.”
	PA	X	—	X	X	X	Kan. Admin. Regs. § 100-28a-16	Varying requirements whether inactivity was less than one year, less than 5 years, or more than 5 years. The latter may have to complete an individual program approved by the Board.
KY	Physician	X	X	—	X	X	Kent. Admin. Reg. § 201-9-051(§4)	Upon failure of a licensee to register their license before the expiration allowed for late registration, the license shall become inactive and continued practice by the physician shall be considered the unauthorized practice of medicine or osteopathy.
	PA	—	—	—	—	—	KY Rev Stat § 311.844	
LA	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	La. Admin. Code tit. 46:XLV § 419	A license which has expired may be reinstated by the Board provided that application for reinstatement is made within 4 years. A physician whose license has lapsed for longer may apply to the Board for an initial original or reciprocal license.
	PA	X	X	—	X	—	La. Admin. Code tit. 46, § 1517 & 1519	Reentering PAs must hold a valid NCCPA certificate. “An applicant shall not be deemed to possess such qualifications unless the applicant demonstrates and evidences such qualifications in a manner prescribed by and to the satisfaction of the Board.”

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ME-M	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	ME-MD: Reentry to Practice Guidelines Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 32 ch. 48 § 3280-A(4)	A licensee whose license has lapsed for more than 5 years shall apply for a new license. Formal reentry to clinical practice programs exist that include assessment, education, and mini residency. These programs vary in length and cost, and will be required when an applicant has been unlicensed and out of clinical practice for a period of more than 5 years.
	PA	X	—	X	X	X	02-373-2 Me. Code R. § 3 MBL Guidelines for Physician and PA Clinical Practice Reentry	Reentering PAs must hold a valid NCCPA certificate.
ME-O	Physician	X	X	—	X	—	ME-DO: Reentry to Practice Guidelines Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 32 ch. 36 § 2581	Licenses that have allowed their licenses to lapse and/or have not clinically practiced for 2 or more years may be required to demonstrate current clinical competency prior to full reinstatement/licensure/relicensure of their licenses.
	PA	X	—	X	X	X	02-383-2 Me. Code R. § 3 Maine BOL Guidelines for Physician and PA Clinical Practice Reentry	Reentering PAs must hold a valid NCCPA certificate and be subject to no disciplinary action by the NCCPA. PAs whose license has lapsed or been withdrawn for more than 5 years shall apply for a new license.
MD	Physician	X	X	—	X	—	Md. Code Ann. § 14-317 Md. Code Ann. § 14-409 (discipline)	
	PA	X	X	—	X	—	Md. Code Regs. 10.32.03.09 Md. Code, Health Occ. § 15-308	Reentering PAs must hold a valid NCCPA certificate. Applicants must meet “any additional requirements set by the Board for reinstatement.”

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MA ⁶	Physician	—	X	—	—	X	Code of Mass. Reg. tit. 243 § 2.06(4)(e)	If the physician in retired status has not engaged in a clinical practice of medicine for 2+ years, and intends to return to practice, the Board may require that the physician demonstrate current clinical competency prior to reviving the license.
	PA	X	—	X	—	—	263 Mass. Reg. 3.06 263 CMR 3.03	Reentering PAs must hold a valid NCCPA certificate. Licensees that have been inactive for >2 years must comply with initial license requirements set forth in 263 CMR 3.03.
MI-M	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Mich. Admin. Code r. 338.2437 Mich. Comp. Laws § 333.16201	Varying standards whether a licensee has been out of practice <3 years, between 3 and 5 years, and >5 years.
	PA	X	—	X	—	—	Mich. Admin. Code R. 338.6308	Within 3 years of inactivity, reentering PA must “establish good moral character.” After 3 years of inactivity, reentering PA must hold a valid NCCPA certificate and pass a certifying exam.
MI-O	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Mich. Admin. Code r. 338.133	Varying standards whether a licensee has been out of practice <3 years, between 3 and 5 years, and >5 years.
MN	Physician	X (reapplying for licensure)	—	—	—	—	Minn. Stat. § 147.039 Minn. Stat. § 147.02 (licensure requirements for initial applicants)	The Board shall not renew, reissue, reinstate, or restore a license that has lapsed and is not subject to a pending review, investigation, or disciplinary action, and has not been renewed within two annual license renewal cycles . A licensee whose license is canceled for nonrenewal must obtain a new license by applying for licensure and fulfilling

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								all requirements then in existence for an initial license to practice medicine in Minnesota.
	PA	—	X	—	—	—	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 147A.07	Reentering PAs must pay fees, complete forms, and “meet any other requirements of the Board.”
MS	Physician	X	—	—	—	X	Miss. State Board of Medical Licensure; Admin. Code Part 2601 ch. 1 Rule 1.3	Prior to the issuance of, or reinstatement of a license, any physician... who has not actively practiced for 3 years shall be required to participate in a Board approved assessment program, clinical skills assessment program or re-entry program to assure post-licensure competency.
	PA	X	—	—	—	—	30 Miss. Code. R. 2615-1.12	Reentering PAs inactive for up to 5 years “may be reinstated upon completion of a reinstatement form and payment of the arrearage and the renewal fee for the current year.”
MO	Physician	—	X	—	X	X	Mo. Rev. Stat. tit. XXII ch. 32 § 334.002	Any licensee allowing their license to become inactive may within 5 years return to active status by notifying the Board in advance of such intention, paying the appropriate fees, and meeting all established licensure requirements of the Board, excluding the licensing examination, as a condition of reinstatement.
	PA	X	—	X	X	—	Mo. Ann. Stat. § 334.002 Mo. Code Regs. Ann. tit. 20, § 2150-7.140(5)	Reentering PAs must hold a valid NCCPA certificate.

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MP	Physician	—	—	—	—	—	Commonwealth Reg. § 185-10-1215 (discipline)	
MT	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Mont. Admin. R. 24.156.618	Licensees inactive for 2 years or longer must complete reentry requirements.
	PA	—	—	—	—	—		
NC	Physician	X	X	—	X	—	21 N.C. Admin. Code 32B.1370	An applicant for licensure who has not actively practiced or who has not maintained continued competency for the 2-year period immediately preceding the filing of an application for a license shall complete a reentry agreement as a condition of licensure.
	PA	X	—	—	X*	—	21 N.C. Admin. Code 32S.0206 & .0207	Reentering PAs may be required to appear for an interview. *CME requirements can be waived if reentering PA has a valid NCCPA certification.
ND	Physician	—	X	X	X	X	N.D. Cent. Code § 43-17-26.1	A physician whose license lapsed more than 3 years must submit a new application for licensure, whether or not they have practiced medicine in the state.

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	PA	X	—	—	—	—	N.D. Admin. Code 50-03-01-16	Reentering PAs with 3 years or more of inactivity “shall submit a new application for licensure.”
NE	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-2026.01	Licensees inactive for 2 years or longer must complete reentry requirements.
	PA	X	—	—	—	X	172 NAC 10.007	“To reinstate a credential, an individual must... have met the continuing competency requirements.”
NH	Physician	—	X	—	X	X	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 329:16-h OPLC Reentry Application	
	PA	X	X	—	—	—	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 328-D:5a	Reentering PAs must “show evidence of professional competence as the Board may reasonably require”
NJ ⁷	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	N.J. Rev. Stat. § 45:9-6.1	Licensees inactive for 5 years or longer must complete reentry requirements.

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	PA	X	X	X	X	X	N.J. Admin. Code § 13:35-2B.15	“If a Board review of an application... concludes that there may be practice deficiencies... the Board may require the applicant to... pass an examination or an assessment of skills, a refresher course, or other requirements as determined by the Board prior to reactivation of the license”
NM	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	N.M. Code R. § 16.10.7.16-18 N.M. Code R. § 16.17.6.8	Varying reentry requirements based on whether licenses was inactive more or less than 2 years.
	PA	X	X	—	X	—	N.M. Code R. § 16.10.15.18	Reentering PAs with inactivity less than 2 years must hold a valid NCCPA certificate. Inactivity greater than 2 years may necessitate an interview with the Board in addition to the active certificate.
NV-M	Physician	X	X	X	—	X	Nev. Rev. Stat. § 630.257	If a licensee does not engage in the practice of medicine for more than 24 consecutive months, the Board may require the same examination to test medical competency as that given to applicants for a license.
	PA	X	X	X	X	—	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 630.255 & .257	Reentering PAs must “satisfy the Board of his or her competence to practice as a physician assistant.” Inactivity over 2 years may require the same examination required of new applicants
NV-O	Physician	X	—	—	X	—	Nev. Rev. Stat. § 633.491	For inactivity of 3 years or more, reentering physicians must reapply like new applicants. For shorter periods of inactivity, applicants must show proof or pay fine for lack of credits.

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	PA	X	—	—	X	—	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 633.481 & .491	
NY	Physician	— (OPMC)	X (OPMC)	X (OPMC)	X (OPMC)	X (OPMC)		
	PA	—	—	—	—	—		
OH	Physician	—	X	X	X	X	Ohio Rev. Code § 4731.281(c) Ohio Rev. Code § 4731.222	Licensees inactive for 2 years or longer must complete reentry requirements.
	PA	X	X	X	X	X	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4730.28	
OK-M	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Okla. Stat. tit. 59, § 59-495(h) OK Board of Med Guidelines on Re-Entry	

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	PA	X	X	—	—	—	Okla. Admin. Code § 435:15-3-1	“Clinically inactive” defined as 24+ months of inactivity (Okla. Admin. Code § 435:15-1-1.1(a)). Reentering, inactive PAs must “Complete a reentry plan approved by the Board”
OK-O	Physician	—	X	X	X	X	Okla. Stat. tit. 59. § 59-642(b)	
OR	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Or. Admin. R. 847-001-0045; 847-020-0183	If an applicant has ceased the practice of medicine for a period of 12 or more consecutive months immediately preceding the application for licensure or reactivation, the applicant may be required to demonstrate clinical competency.
	PA	X	X	—	X	—	Or. Stat. Ann. § 677.175 Or. Admin. R. 847-050-0043	If PA has been inactive longer than 12 months, “the Board in its discretion may require the person to prove to its satisfaction that the licensee has maintained competence” and hold a valid NCCPA certificate and pass a certifying exam. Inactivity longer than 24 months may require a Board-mandated re-entry plan.
PA-M	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	63 Pa. Stat. § 422.43 49 Pa. Code § 16.15	
	PA	X	X	—	—	—	49 Pa. Code § 16.15	Inactivity of 4 years or more may require an interview with the Board “to ascertain the physical and mental fitness of the applicant.”

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PA-O	Physician	—	X	—	X	—	49 Pa. Code § 25.271	
PR	Physician	—	—	—	—	—		
	PA	X	—	—	—	—	Article 9. Inactive License (Law No. 71-2017)	“A PA who applies to reactivate their license shall pay renewal fees and shall meet the criteria for renewal under this Act.”
RI ⁸	Physician	X	X	—	X	—	Rules And Regulations For The Licensure And Discipline Of Physicians § 9.1.1	At the discretion of the Board, the applicant may be required to appear before the Board for an interview.
	PA	X	X	—	X	X	216 R.I. Code R. § 40-05-24 (24.6)	PAs reentering after 2 years or more must have a valid NCCPA certificate and may be required to establish competency in a number of ways.
SC	Physician	X	—	—	X	—	S.C. Code Ann. § 40-47-40 & 42 Board Policy on Retired Physicians	Reactivation of license after 4 years or more may require specialty Board certification, completion of a residency, passing an examination (SPEX/COMVEX), or completing a clinical skills assessment program.

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	PA	—	—	—	—	—	S.C. Code Ann. § 40-47-910 et al.	
SD	Physician	—	X	—	—	—	S.D. Cod. Laws § 36-4-24.2 & § 36-4-31.4	The reissuance of any license, resident license, or certificate may be made in such manner and form and under conditions as the Board may require.
	PA	—	X	—	—	—	South Dakota § 36-4A-33	Reactivation after more than one year requires “specific approval by the Board” in addition to fees.
TN-M ⁹	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-6-210 Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0880-02-.10(3)	
	PA	X	X	—	X	—	Tennessee Rule § 1130-01-.09 BME Lapsed License Policy	“Renewal and reinstatement decisions... are subject to Committee and Board review”
TN-O	Physician	X	—	X	X	—	Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1050-02-.07 & .08	

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TX ¹⁰	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	22 Tex. Admin. Code Part 9 § 163.10 Board Guidelines re: Physician License Retirement Options	If a physician has been on official retired status for 2 years or longer, the request must be reviewed by the Licensure Committee of the Board. If the request is granted, it may be granted without conditions or subject to such conditions which the Board determines are necessary to adequately protect the public. Requests are reviewed on a case by case basis.
	PA	X	X	—	X	X	22 Tex. Admin. Code 185.8	Reentering PAs must have valid NCCPA certificate, submit a National Practitioner Data Bank/Health Integrity and Protection Data Bank (NPDB-HIPDB) report, and submit professional evaluations from each employment held after the license was placed on inactive status
UT ¹¹	Physician	—	X	X	X	X	Utah Admin. Code r. 156-67-302(d)(2) (initial requirements) Utah Admin. Code r. 156-1-308g (reinstatement)	After 2 years of more of inactivity, applicants to reinstate their licenses must reapply as if it is an initial application.
	PA	X	—	—	X	X	Utah Admin. Code r. 156-70a-303	Reentering PAs must have a valid NCCPA certificate, meet with the Board to evaluate their ability to safely and competently practice, and comply with requirements recommended by the Board, such as collaboration with or practicing under supervision.
VT-M	Physician	—	X	—	X	—	Vt. Stat. Ann. Tit 26, § 1400(g) Vt. Rules of the Board of Medical Practice § 9.0	Varying reentry requirements based on whether licenses was inactive more or less than 1 year.

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	PA	X	X	—	—	—	Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 26, § 1734b 13 141 001 Vt. Code R. §§ 8.0, 9.0, 30.0	Inactivity of 3 years or more may require the licensee to update the licensee's knowledge and skills as defined by Board rules.
VT-O	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	04-220 Code Vt. R. 04-030-220-X § 3.4	
VI	Physician	—	—	—	—	—		
	PA	X	—	—	—	—	V.I. Code Ann. § 50e	Board is empowered to set requirements for reentering PAs.
VA	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Va. Code Ann. § 54.1-2904 18 Va. Admin. Code § 85-20-240	Varying reentry requirements based on whether licenses was inactive for 2 years or 4 years or more.
	PA	X	X	—	—	—	Va Code Ann. § 54.1-2904 18 Va. Admin. Code § 85-50-58	Reentering PAs must have a valid NCCPA certificate and submit "evidence satisfactory to the Board that they are prepared to resume practice in a competent manner"

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WA-M	Physician	X	X	X	X	—	Wash. Admin. Code § 246-12-040 Wash. Admin. Code § 246-919-475 Wash. Med. Qual. Assurance Comm. Interpretative Statement; Guideline	Varying reentry requirements based on whether licenses was inactive for less than 3 years (WAC § 246-12-040) or more than 3 years (initial application requirements per RCW 18.71.050)
	PA	X	—	—	X	—	Wash. Admin. Code § 246-12-040 Wash. Admin. Code § 246-918-180	Reentering PAs must have a valid NCCPA certificate; those with inactivity of 3 years or more may need to “satisfy other competency requirements of the regulatory entity”
WA-O	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Wash. Admin. Code § 246-853-245	Licensees inactive for 2 years or longer must complete reentry requirements.
WV-M	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	W. Va. Code § 30-3-12	Varying reentry requirements based on whether licenses was inactive for 1 year or more, if the latter, applicant must apply for a new license.
	PA	X	—	X	X	—	W. Va. Code R. § 11-1B-7	Reentering after one year or less requires completing CME, if reentering after more than one year “licensee shall apply anew for licensure”
WV-O	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	W. Va. Code § 30-14-10	

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	PA	X	—	X	X	—	W. Va. Code Ann. § 30-3E-7	
WI	Physician	—	X	—	X	X	Med 14.06	Varying reentry requirements based on whether licenses was inactive more or less than 5 years.
	PA	X	X	—	—	—	Wis. Admin. Code PA § 2.05	For up to 5 years of inactivity, reentering PAs need only pay a renewal fee. For inactivity of over 5 years, “the Board shall make an inquiry to determine whether the applicant is competent to practice”
WY	Physician	X	X	X	X	X	Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 33-26-305 Wyo. Board of Med. Rules & Regs § 11-12	
	PA	X	X	X	X	X	052-0001-5.Wyo. Code R. § 11	Reentering PAs may be issued temporary licenses prior to interviewing with the Board.

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