

Texas Medical Board

P.O. Box 2029 Austin, Texas 78768-2029

SURGICAL ASSISTANT LICENSE APPLICATION

The medical board protects consumers through a comprehensive review of each applicant's competency, professional conduct, and physical and mental ability to safely engage in practice as a surgical assistant.

An applicant who provides false information or a false response to any of the questions is subject to denial of licensure and being reported to the appropriate data banks.

The following information is provided to assist you in the application process:

- 1. Complete all of the information on the Application for Surgical Assistant License and the Work Experience form as well as the top portion on the Performance Evaluation form. Please type or print clearly.
- 2. Submit the \$305.00 licensure fee in the form of a personal check, cashier's check or money order payable to the Texas Medical Board.
- **3.** Applications are reviewed in the order of receipt.
- 4. All forms and supporting documentation (unless otherwise noted in the instructions) must be submitted to the board by the applicant in a single envelope. Incomplete applications will not be accepted for processing.
- 5. If additional documentation is required from you, you will be notified via email. Be sure to include a valid, legible email address on your application.
- 6. Please visit the board's website at www.tmb.state.tx.us and review the board's rules and policies. It is your responsibility to review the rules under Chapter 184, as well as Chapter 206 of the Occupations Code, before signing the Applicant's Oath. These can be found under the Rules & Guidelines on the board's website. Eligibility for licensure in Texas is set out in the board's rules.
- 7. Temporary licensure is available for applicants whose files have been determined to be complete. Should you wish to apply for one, the cost for a Temporary License is \$50 which should be sent in the form of a personal check, cashier's check or money order payable to the Texas Medical Board along with the Temporary License Affidavit. The temporary license will not be issued until your application is complete in every detail. The Temporary License will not have a number associated with it.
- 8. The board awards licenses at its regularly scheduled board meetings. Dates of the medical board meetings are located on the board's website at www.tmb.state.tx.us . At the time that your application is determined to be complete, you will be informed of the dates of the board meeting at which your application will be considered. In most instances you will not be asked to attend the board meeting.
- **9.** Questions regarding licensure should be directed to staff at 1-512-305-7130 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Central Time. Please visit the board's website and review the board's rules and policies <u>prior</u> to contacting the board.

APPLICATION

FOR SURGICAL ASSISTANT LICENSE

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1. NAME:	Last		First				Mide	dle		Suffix	(Jr. II, III)		
2. CURRENT ADDRESS: (street, city, state, zip) It is YOUR responsibility to notify the Board in writing if you have a change of address.													
3. E-MAIL ADDRE	ESS:												
4. SOCIAL SECUR	ITY NUMBER:				5.	DATE C	F BIRTI	H: (ma	onth, day,	year)			
6. TELEPHONE: Home ()	Work	< ()			Ce	II ()			
7. SEX : □ MA	le 🛛 Female	8. CIT	TIZENSHIP:	🛛 U.S. Na	tive	Ου.	S. Natu	ralized)ther (sp	pecify)		
9. ETHNIC ORIGI	N: (circle) 1. White	2. Bla	ck 3. Hi	spanic 4.	Asia	an or Pa	cific Isla	nder	5. A	merican	Indian or Alas	kan I	Native
10. POST-SECONI	DARY EDUCATION:												
Name a	nd Location of School after high school)		Date From (mo./)	es Attended yr) To (mo.,	/ yr)	Date Gradu	uated	Sem Hour	/ Clock s		of Diploma or e Completed	F	ields of Study
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11. EDUCATIONA	L PROGRAM:												
	Name & Address of Institution Program (Surgical Assistant / Medical School / Begin End RN First Asst / Surgical PA) (mo./yr) (mo./yr)						End (mo./ yr)						
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12. EXAMINATIO	N: Name of Exami	nation								Date o	f Examination		
ABSA (Amer	ican Board of Surgical Assistan	ts)											
NBSTSA (Natio	nal Board of Surgical Technolog	gy and Sur	rgical Assisting)) CST/CFA Exam									
NSAA (Natio	nal Surgical Assistant Associati	ion)											
Other:													
13. CURRENT NA	13. CURRENT NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION: Date of Certification Date of Expiration						ation						
ABSA (Amer	ican Board of Surgical Assistan	ts)											
NBSTSA (Natio	NBSTSA (National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting) CST/CFA Certification												
NSAA (Natio	nal Surgical Assistant Associati	on)											
Other:													
14. LICENSE, REG IN ANOTHER S	ISTRATION OR CERTIFIC		onal)			Ν	lumber		Yea	r	C Yes	Curre	nt No
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AN APPLICANT WHO PROVIDES A FALSE RESPONSE TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS IS SUBJECT TO DENIAL OF LICENSURE AND BEING REPORTED TO THE APPROPRIATE DATA BANKS.

1. Have you ever been arrested? _____Yes _____No

2. Have you ever been cited or ticketed for, or charged with any violation of the law? (Un	less the off	ense involve	d alcohol or
drugs, you may exclude: 1) traffic tickets; and, 2) violations with fines of \$250 or less.)	Yes	No	

3. Are you currently the subject of a grand jury or criminal investigation? ____Yes ____No

- 4. Have you ever been convicted of an offense, placed on probation, or granted deferred adjudication or any other type of pretrial diversion? (Unless the offense involved alcohol or drugs, you may exclude: 1) traffic tickets; and, 2) violations with fines of \$250 or less.) ____Yes ____No
- 5. Including the incidents above, have you ever been convicted of, or received deferred adjudication for, a felony, a Class A or Class B misdemeanor for:
 - (a) a violation relating to Medicare, Medicaid or insurance fraud? _____Yes _____No
 - (b) a violation of the Texas Controlled Substance Act or intoxication or alcoholic beverage offense? ____Yes ____No
 - (c) a violation relating to sexual or assaultive offense? ____Yes ____No
 - (d) a violation relating to tax fraud or evasion? ____Yes ____No

If you answer "Yes" to any of the above questions you must submit a <u>Form R/Surgical Assistant</u> and all documents relevant to each incident along with your application.

6. Have you ever withdrawn an application for a professional license, permit or certification as a healthcare professional, or have you been determined ineligible for a professional license, permit or certification as a healthcare professional? ____Yes ____No

- 7. Have you ever had limitations placed on a professional license, been disciplined, or allowed to resign or voluntarily surrender your license in lieu of action by any licensing authority in any state, province, territory, U.S. federal jurisdiction, or country? (This would include, but is not limited to, informal or confidential orders; consent orders; agreed orders; letters of warning; letters of education; or letters of concern.) ____Yes ____No
- 8. Have you ever been the subject of an investigation based on any complaints, inquiries, grievances, formal or informal charges filed (regardless of the outcome) or are there any pending with or by any state, province, territory, US federal jurisdiction, country? ____Yes ____No
- 9. Are there now pending any investigations, complaints, inquiries, grievances or formal or informal charges with or by any licensing authority in any state, province, territory, U.S. federal jurisdiction, or country? ____Yes ____No
- 10. Have you ever had restrictions placed on, been denied, or required to surrender a federal or state controlled substance permit? ____Yes ____No

If you answer "Yes" to any of the above questions you must submit a <u>Form S/Surgical Assistant</u> and all documents relevant to each incident along with your application.

For this section, an "academic program" is defined to include any of the following: undergraduate education; professional education such as medical, PA, acupuncture school, or other professional education required for licensure; or post-graduate education.

11. Has an academic program, health care entity or professional organization ever taken against you, through either oral or written communication, any of the following public or private actions:

- Imitation, reduction, suspension, revocation or denial of privileges? ____Yes ____No
- warning, censure, reprimand, or formal admonishment? _____Yes _____No
- additional limitations or requirements placed on you based on your clinical performance, academic performance, discipline, or for any other reason? ____Yes ____No
- placement on academic or disciplinary probation? ____Yes ____No
- request of termination, withdrawal or resignation? ____Yes ____No
- acceptance of voluntary resignation in lieu of further investigations or other action? _____Yes _____No
- 12. Are any such actions listed in question 11 pending? _____Yes _____No

13. Are you currently under investigation by any academic program, health care entity or professional organization?YesNo
If you answer "Yes" to any of the above questions you must submit a <u>Form U/Surgical Assistant</u> and all documents relevant to each incident along with your application.
14. Has a complaint ever been filed against you in a court (i.e., a lawsuit) seeking damages relating to your conduct in providing or failing to provide a medical or health care service?YesNo
15. Has there been: (a) a settlement of a claim without the filing of a lawsuit, or (b) a settlement of a lawsuit made by you or on your behalf involving damages relating to your conduct in providing or failing to provide a medical or health care service?YesNo
16. While serving in the U.S. military or the Public Health Service, or while employed, contracted or privileged by a federal facility was a complaint filed in court (i.e., a lawsuit) seeking damages relating to your conduct in providing or failing to provide a medical or health care service?YesNo
If you answer "Yes" to either of the above questions you must submit a <u>Form V/Surgical Assistant</u> and all documents relevant to each incident along with your application and have your Insurance carrier complete <u>Form I/Surgical Assistant</u> .
17. Within the past 5 years have you abused or have you been addicted to alcohol or drugs or have you been treated for alcohol or other substance abuse or dependency?YesNo
18. Within the past five (5) years, have you been diagnosed with or have you been treated for any of the following: schizophrenia or any other psychotic disorder, delusional disorder, bipolar or manic depressive mood disorder, major depression, personality disorder, or any other mental condition which impaired your behavior, judgment, or ability to function in school, work or other important life activities? <u>Yes</u> No
19. Within the past five (5) years, have you had or do you currently have any physical or neurological condition, including any disease or condition generally regarded as chronic by the medical community, which impaired or does impair your behavior, judgment, or ability to function in school, work or other important life activities?YesNo
20. With the past five years, have you been diagnosed with or treated for pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, frotteurism, or sexual sadism?YesNo
21. If you answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, are you receiving ongoing treatment (with or without medication) or are you participating in a monitoring program?YesNo
22. If you answered "Yes" to questions 14-18, are the limitations caused by your mental condition or substance abuse/dependency problem reduced or ameliorated because you receive ongoing treatment (with or without medication) or because you participate in a monitoring program?YesNo
If you answer "Yes" to either of the above questions you must submit a <u>Form W/Surgical Assistant</u> and all documents relevant to each event along with your application.

APPLICANT'S OATH

_, do hereby certify, under oath, that I am the person named in this ١, Application for a Surgical Assistant License in the State of Texas; that all statements I have made in the Application for License, are true, correct and complete, to the best of my knowledge; that all documents, forms, credentials, and any other material furnished to the Texas Medical Board (Board) in relation to my application are true, correct, and complete, to the best of my knowledge.

In addition, I understand that a false or misleading statement determined to be fraudulent or deceptive shall result in the denial of a surgical assistant license in accordance with Sections 206.301-.302 of the Texas Occupations Code.

I further state that by filing this Application for a Surgical Assistant License in the State of Texas, I hereby authorize and consent to have an investigation made as to my moral character, professional reputation and fitness to practice as a surgical assistant. I agree to give any further information, which may be required, including but not limited to information requested on this application.

Further, I hereby authorize all hospitals, institutions or organizations, my references, personal physicians, employers (past, present and future), business or professional associates (past, present and future) and all governmental agencies (local, state, federal, or foreign) to release to the

Board or its successors any information, files or records, including medical records, educational records, and records of psychiatric treatment and treatment for drug and/or alcohol abuse or dependency, requested by the Board in connection with this application; necessary to determine my professional competence, professional conduct, or physical and or mental ability to safely engage in providing health care services. I further authorize the Board or its successors to release to the organizations, individuals, or groups listed above any information, which is material to this application, or any subsequent licensure.

Signature of Applicant

WORK EXPERIENCE/SURGICAL ASSISTANT

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APPLICANT'S FULL NAME - (Type or print)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- You must list at least 2000 hours of active experience working as a surgical assistant below.
- The 2000 hours must be within the last three years only and under the direct supervision of a physician licensed in the United States.
- All experience listed below must be verified via "Performance Evaluation/Surgical Assistant" by your supervising physician according to instructions on that form.

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(Make additional copies of this form as needed, to document 2,000 hours.)

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION/SURGICAL ASSISTANT

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APPLICANT must complete top portion – (Please Print)						
EVALUATING PHYSICIAN (Name , Degree & I	nstitution)	APPLI	CANT'S FULL NAME			
I WORKED AS A SURGICAL ASSISTAN	T FOR	HOURS	FROM _	ТС	o	MM/YY
I authorize the re	elease of the inforn	nation contained in t	this form to the	Texas Medical Board.		
		Applicant's Signature				
EVALUATING PHYSICIAN must comp	lete remaining por	r tion - (Please Print)				
 INSTRUCTIONS: You must be licensed in the United You must have supervised the appl Letters of recommendation are not Once you complete this form pleas your signature over the outside sea You may return this form to application 	licant working as a t accepted in lieu o e place in an envel aled envelope flap.	surgical assistant fo f this form. ope of the institutio	r a period in the n/group that yo	past three years. u represent, seal the		e and place
1. How long have you known the a	oplicant?	Years	Months			
2. How many hours has the applica	nt worked under y	our direct supervisio	on as a surgical a	ssistant?		Hours
3. (a) Is the applicant related to yo(b) Do you know the applicant w(c) Has your acquaintance with t	ell?	nued until recent dat	e?		☐ Yes ☐ Yes ☐ Yes	□ No □ No □No
4. Do you consider the applicant:(a) Reliable?(b) Ethical?(c) Of good character?					☐ Yes ☐ Yes ☐ Yes	□ No □ No □ No
5. Has applicant, to your knowledge (a) Fraud or dishonesty?(b) Unprofessional conduct?	e, ever been guilty	of:			□ Yes □ Yes	□ No □ No
6. If the English language is not the feel that he/she has the ability to					□ Yes	🗖 No
 7. To your knowledge, has the appl (a) been warned, censured, disci (b) had disciplinary action taken (c) been arrested, fined, charged (d) been a defendant in a legal ac professional liability claim paid (e) been placed on probation, as 	plined, had admissi against him/her by with or convicted ction involving prof d in his/her behalf	a licensing agency? of a crime, indicted, fessional liability (ma or paid such a claim	imprisoned or p alpractice) or ha	laced on probation?	□ Yes □ Yes □ Yes □ Yes □ Yes	□ No □ No □ No □ No □ No
8. Please rate the applicant:	EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	ADEQUATE		POOR

Please rate the applicant:	EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	ADEQUATE	POOR
(a) Professional ability					
(b) Attention to duties					
(c) Breadth of education					
(d) Interpersonal skills					

9. If you answered "yes" to any of the previous questions on #5 and #7 of this form, please provide any additional information you may have, including the names of other individuals who may have information concerning this applicant.

10.	Please rate the applicant:	EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	ADEQUATE	POOR	N/A	
(a)	EXPOSURE							
	(i) Positions patient appropriately for procedures without direction.							
	(ii) Selects, places and holds retractors without direction.							
(b)	HEMOSTASIS							
	(i) Suctions and sponges without direction.							
	(ii) Applies hemostatic devices without direction.							
(c)	TISSUE HANDLING							
	(i) Demonstrates knowledge and assessment of tissue types.							
	(ii) Provides traction and counter-traction without direction.							
(d)	SUTURES TISSUE / TIES SUTURE							
	(i) Sutures skin (does not include application of skin staples)							
	(ii) Sutures sub-Q							
	(iii) Sutures facia							
	(a) for major pedicles							
	(b) on clamped bleeders							
	(c) for surgeon-placed stitches							
	(d) for fascial stitches							
	(e) for sub-Q stitches							
	(f) for skin stitches							
11.	11. Are the hours and dates provided by the applicant on the top portion of this form accurate?YesNo							
lf n	If not, please provide the correct hours and/or dates: Hours Beginning MM/YY/ Ending MM/YY/							

All reports received by the TMB on a licensure applicant are confidential and are not subject to disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act; however, the TMB must disclose such reports to applicants if the reports are relied upon in a contested denial of licensure.

EVALUATING PHYSICIAN – Please Print and Sign Below							
Name:	Signatu	ature:					
Address:		Evaluating Physician					
_	Title:	:					
Email:		License #: State:					
Phone:	Fax:						
	Date:	:					
REMINDER:	Evaluating Physician, after completing this evaluation, please that you represent, seal the envelope and place your signate						

INSTRUCTIONS

FOR COMPLETING YOUR SURGICAL ASSISTANT

LICENSURE APPLICATION

The following information is provided in order to help you complete your licensure application forms. Please type or print clearly in ink and provide full details for each question, including dates, complete names, addresses, and zip codes when applicable.

APPLICATION FOR SURGICAL ASSISTANT LICENSE

You must complete all information on the application form and sign the oath. In addition, submit the following documentation to the board along with the other forms in a single envelope (unless otherwise noted).

Birth Certificate/Proof of Age: You must submit a copy of your birth certificate or a copy of your current passport.

<u>Name Change Document</u>: If any of your documents show a name other than the name on your application, submit one of the following:

- Marriage Furnish a **copy** of your marriage certificate.
- Divorce Furnish a **copy** of your divorce decree.
- Adoption Furnish a **copy** of your adoption order.
- Court Order Furnish a **copy** of your name change document.

<u>Post-Secondary Education (Associate's Degree)</u>: You must have been awarded at least an associate's degree at a two or four year institution of higher education. Request a **certified transcript** issued by the college/university, which indicates the date the degree was awarded, be submitted directly to the board from the college/university.

Educational Program: You must have a **certified transcript** of your educational program (either surgical assistant program, medical school, registered nurse first assistant program, or surgical physician assistant program) submitted directly to the board from the program/school in a sealed envelope with the signature of an official of the program/school over the sealed flap. A photocopy of your transcript will <u>not</u> be accepted unless it is sent directly from your educational institution with proper certification.

Examination Verification: You must have a letter submitted directly to the board from the appropriate testing service verifying that you passed a surgical assistant examination, or it may be sent to the applicant in a sealed envelope with the signature of an official of the testing service over the sealed flap. If it is sent to the applicant, the applicant must submit it to TMB in the original sealed envelope along with all other forms in the original sealed envelopes. To request your score report, contact the following:

ABSA	(American Board of Surgical Assistants) 303-617-8345 or 877-617-8345	www.absa.net
NBSTSA	(National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting) 800-707-0057	www.nbstsa.org
NSAA	(National Surgical Assistant Association) 602-212-0479 or 888-633-0479	www.nsaa.net

Board Certification: You must submit a **copy** of your valid and current certificate from the **ABSA**, **NBSTSA**, or **NSAA**.

<u>License Verification</u>: You must request a letter of current status (licensure verification) be sent directly to the board from all state/provincial licensing agencies through which you have ever been licensed, registered or certified.

WORK EXPERIENCE/SURGICAL ASSISTANT

Use this form to document completion of 2000 hours of full-time, active work as a surgical assistant.

List all supervising physicians in the last three years and their facility along with an accurate estimate of total hours worked for each.

You must then have a "Performance Evaluation" completed by <u>each</u> physician that you listed on the Work Experience form. See directions below.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION/SURGICAL ASSISTANT

This form must be completed by <u>each</u> physician that you listed on the "Work Experience" form.

The supervising physician may return this form to you in the sealed envelope or send it directly to the Texas Medical Board via mail.

- Letters of recommendation are not accepted in lieu of this form.
- We will not accept residency participation or observerships in lieu of active surgical assistant experience.

Please note: If you have not been supervised by at least three physicians, you will be required to furnish a personal statement providing full details. You will be contacted following receipt of your application regarding this item.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS SURGICAL ASSISTANT LICENSE APPLICATION

FORM R/SURGICAL ASSISTANT

"Yes" response to Question 1-5 of the application. This form must be completed ONLY if you have ever been arrested, convicted or placed on probation per application instructions.

Submit a separate Form R for each event and provide full details.

Have the arresting agency and/or court involved send legible copies of the arrest documents and court documents relating to the event directly to our Board.

FORM S/SURGICAL ASSISTANT

"Yes" response to Question 6-10 of the application. This form must be completed ONLY if you have ever been the subject of disciplinary action by a professional licensing entity as *any* kind of licensed health professional.

Submit a separate Form S for each disciplinary action taken by a professional entity and provide full details.

Have the authority or entity involved in the action send all records regarding the investigation, action or pending action directly to the board's offices.

FORM U/SURGICAL ASSISTANT

"Yes" response to Question 11-13 of the application. This form must be completed ONLY if you have ever been the subject of disciplinary actions or investigations in education, training or during employment

Submit a Form U for each disciplinary action taken by while in undergraduate education; professional education such as medical, PA, acupuncture school, or other professional education required for licensure; or post-graduate education and provide full details.

Have the organization or entity involved in the action send all records regarding the investigation, action or pending action directly to the board's offices.

FORM V/SURGICAL ASSISTANT

"Yes" response to Question 14-16 of the application.

This form must be completed ONLY if you have ever been named in a claim or action as any health professional.

Submit a Form V and detailed statement for each lawsuit or settled claim you have been named in.

Also submit:

- A copy of the plaintiff's original complaint
- A copy of the disposition if the claim resulted in a suit.
- A corresponding "Form I/Surgical Assistant" completed by every carrier with whom a claim has been filed.

If the claim/suit is still pending, have the attorney who represented you (or who is currently representing you) send a letter directly to the board regarding the allegations, defense, current status and/or outcome of the suit.

FORM I/SURGICAL ASSISTANT

"Yes" response to Question 14-16 of the application.

This form must be completed ONLY if you have ever been named in a claim or action as *any* health professional.

Submit a Form I For each lawsuit or settled claim you have been named in.

Your liability carrier should complete the remaining portion of the form. The liability carrier may submit a claims report to accompany the Form I.

FORM W/SURGICAL ASSISTANT

"Yes" response to Questions 17-22 of the application. Use additional paper as necessary. If you prefer to self refer to the Texas Physician's Health program, please contact them at <u>http://www.txphp.state.tx.us/</u> and sign the self referral portion of this form.

Form W is to be completed by those individuals who have, within the last 5 years:

- Either abused or been addicted to alcohol or drugs,
- been treated for drug or alcohol dependency,
- been diagnosed or treated for schizophrenia or any delusional disorder, bipolar or manic depressive disorder,
- been diagnosed or treated for major depression, personality disorder,
- been diagnosed with or treated for pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, frotteurism, or sexual sadism,
- been treated for any physical or neurological condition generally regarded as chronic which may impair your behavior or judgment or ability to function or,
- been treated for any other condition which has the potential to impair the ability to function at home or at work.

You must complete a separate form for each incident. Each page must carry a signature and date.

Contact any treating physicians or other record holders and have the records sent directly to the board's offices. Additional details are available on the Form W/Surgical Assistant form itself.

TEMPORARY LICENSE AFFIDAVIT and FEE

This form must be completed only if you desire a temporary license. The TL will not be issued until after ALL other licensing requirements are met. A TL does not have a license number.