

**This is an amendment to 16.48.8 NMAC, Sections 8, effective 1/13/2026.**

**16.48.8.8**

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- A.** Applications for registration shall be completed on a form provided by the department.
- B.** The applicant shall provide a completed application that includes the following information:
  - (1) applicant's full name;
  - (2) current mailing address;
  - (3) current electronic mail address, if any;
  - (4) date of birth;
  - [5] two, 2X2 in recent photographs or upload of a recent electronic headshot photograph;]
  - [6] (5) copy of completion of polygraph school diploma, if required;
  - [7] (6) completed jurisprudence examination for the license or registration, if required;
  - [8] (7) firearms qualification, if required;
  - [9] (8) information on any past disciplinary action;
  - [10] (9) fingerprinting receipt to establish positive identification for a federal criminal history background check;
  - [11] (10) any required fees; and
  - [12] (11) proof as described in Subsection C below.
- C.** The applicant shall provide the following satisfactory evidence as follows:
  - (1) applicant is currently licensed and in good standing in another jurisdiction, including a branch of the United States armed forces;
  - (2) applicant has met the minimal licensing requirements in that jurisdiction and the minimal licensing requirements in that jurisdiction are substantially equivalent to the licensing requirements for New Mexico; and
  - (3) the following documentation:
    - (a) for military service member: copy of military orders;
    - (b) for spouse of military service members: copy of military service member's military orders and copy of marriage license;
    - (c) for spouses of deceased military services members: copy of decedent's DD214 and copy of marriage license;
    - (d) for dependent children of military service members: copy of military orders listing dependent child, or a copy of military orders and one of the following: copy of birth certificate, military service member's federal tax return or other governmental or judicial documentation establishing dependency;
    - (e) for veterans (retired or separated): copy of DD214 showing proof of honorable discharge.

**D.** The license or registration shall be issued by the department as soon as practicable but no later than thirty days after a qualified military service member, spouse, dependent child, or veteran files a complete application and provides a background check if required for a license, and any required fees.

**E.** Military service members and veterans shall not pay and the department shall not charge a licensing fee for the first three years for a license or registration issued pursuant to this rule.

**F.** A license or registration issued pursuant to this section shall be valid for the time period that is specified in the Private Investigations Act.

**G.** Electronic signatures will be acceptable for applications submitted pursuant to section 14-16-1 through section 14-16-19 NMSA 1978.

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