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## PRIMARY SOURCE DATA USED TO VERIFY AN APPLICANT'S CREDENTIALS FOR LICENSURE

The following processes are utilized by the Physician Assistant Board to verify an applicant's credentials for licensure as a physician assistant:

1. Obtain certification of the applicant's successful completion of a physician assistant accredited training program directly from the physician assistant training program.
2. Obtain verification of the applicant achieving a passing score of the Physician Assistant National Certification Examination directly from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.
3. Obtain verification(s) directly from the respective licensing agency for each health care related license, registration or certificate previously or currently held by the applicant.
4. Obtain results of a National Practitioner Data Bank Self-Query Report.
5. Obtain the results of background checks from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the California Department of Justice for convictions of crimes substantially related to the practice as a physician assistant.

Sincerely,

Rozana Khan  
Executive Officer  
Physician Assistant Board