# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE NEWSLETTER

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#### NEW LICENSE DATABASE SYSTEM LICENSEES' DUTY TO REPORT MISCONDUCT BOARD CHANGES

#### **BOARD'S NEW LICENSE DATABASE SYSTEM IS ACTIVE**

The Board's new Thentia license database system's Application portal and Licensee portal have been active since late 2023. The Board is also adding Anesthesiologist Assistant licenses to our license database.

Several features of the new licensing system include the following: 1) licensees will create and manage their own accounts (including initial applications and renewals); 2) pay all fees on the website; and, 3) facilitate staff administrative tasks, such as running reports and managing complaints and other documents.

**NOTE**: Be advised that licensees are now required to upload and manage CME certificates every year prior to the end of each renewal year and licensees will be able to track credits!!!! Also, for your reference, instructions for use of the new Licensee portal are attached to the end of this Newsletter.

#### **Important License Renewal Note!**

Beginning in September 2024, license renewal notices were emailed to all licensees. NOTE that the email will be sent from <a href="mailto:noreply@thentiacloud.com">noreply@thentiacloud.com</a> so please be sure to add this email address to your contacts or safe senders list to ensure that it does not get filtered into your spam or junk folder. LATE FEES will be assessed for licensees who fail to renew by the deadline of December 31, 2024! If you have not yet renewed, please do so NOW.

It is critically important for ALL licensees to keep the Board updated with their current email addresses in order to receive important information, such as license renewal notices, from the Board. Failure to do so may result in the imposition of late payment fees.

In the event you need to update your official email address with the Board, or if you do not have an email address, you should immediately contact either Nikki Montano or Carrie Klein by calling the Board office at 702-732-2147. You may also update your official email address by accessing your file through the Licensee portal.



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#### **BOARD CHANGES!**

Board:

Dean Polce, D.O., was appointed by Governor Lombardo to the Board on July 1, 2024. We extend a hearty welcome to Dr. Polce.

Staff:

Michelle Oberson joined the Board staff on September 30, 2024, as an Administrative/Complaints Assistant. Welcome aboard, Michelle!

**Mission:** The Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine's mission is to protect and safeguard the public by licensing and disciplining Doctors of Osteopathy, Physician Assistants, and Anesthesiologist Assistants.

#### INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT (IMLC) CURRENT LIST-

- **NEVADA**
- ALABAMA
- ARIZONA
- **COLORADO**
- CONNECTICUT
- **DELAWARE**
- DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
- **FLORIDA**
- **GEORGIA**
- U.S. Territory of GUAM
- **HAWAII**
- **License Application Numbers IDAHO** January – June 2024
- **ILLINOIS** DO - 158 **INDIANA**
- PA 19 **IOWA**
- **KANSAS** Residents – 148 KENTUCKY
- Other Special 0 LOUISIANA Compact (IMLC) - 131 MAINE

Total Active – 3243

- MARYLAND **MICHIGAN**
- MINNESOTA
- MISSISSIPPI
- **MISSOURI**
- **MONTANA**
- **NEBRASKA**
- **NEW HAMPSHIRE**
- **NEW JERSEY**
- NORTH DAKOTA
- OHIO
- **OKLAHOMA**
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- **TENNESSEE**
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- UTAH
- VERMONT
- WASHINGTON
- WEST VIRGINIA
- WISCONSIN
- WYOMING

#### For more info go to:

nsurecompact.jsp;

To apply for an IMLC medical license (DOs only):

http://www.imlcc.org/

#### Closing your practice or discharging a patient?

The statutes/regulations require practitioners to notify the Board in writing 30 days before closing or changing a practice. See NRS 633.291; NAC 633.260(1)(2) for full details.

**NOTE:** Practitioners must notify patients of any practice changes (addresses or closings) per NRS 633.511.1(n) and NAC 633.070.

#### **UPCOMING**

#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

January 14, 2025 February 11, 2025 March 11, 2025 April 8, 2025 May 13, 2025 June 10, 2025 July 8, 2025

### Medical Malpractice – 18

Settlement Agreements - 5

Complaints Closed - 33

Letters of Caution Issued - 7

Prescribing – 10

Complaints - 81

Standard of Care – 21

Unprofessional Conduct General – 18

Fulfilled (Completed) Agreements - 0

Medical Records – 0

Death Certificate Signing – 3

Enforcement Stats: Jan - June 2024

Complaint Types\*: Jan. – June 2024

Terminating a patient - 0

Non - Reporting - 0

Other - 11

\*Some types of complaints overlap

### Licensees' Duty to Report Misconduct to the Board

As a licensee of the Nevada Board of Osteopathic Medicine ("the Board"), you have a statutory and legal duty to report misconduct. You are obligated to report violations of laws and regulations to the Board. See, NRS Section 633.511(1)(p).

Examples of misconduct may include, but are not limited to, sexual misconduct, impairment, practice below the standard of care, and improper prescribing of controlled substances. If you suspect or have observed inappropriate behavior by a colleague or other healthcare professional, you should file a complaint with the Board. If you believe a crime has been committed, you should also contact the proper law enforcement agency.

Licensees should not assume that by informing their supervisor their duty to report is fulfilled. You can file a complaint directly with the Board online at https://bom.nv.gov; then click the "Discipline" tab; then click the "Enforcement" tab; and then click "Filing a Complaint". Knowing a colleague is violating laws or regulations and not reporting this to the Board not only puts patients at risk but also puts your license to practice in jeopardy.

## http://nsbom.org/LicensingPublic/lice NOMA is offering CME opportunities on its Website

The Nevada Osteopathic Medical Association (NOMA) is now offering online on-demand Continuing Medical Education opportunities on its website. For your convenience, a one-page reference sheet is attached at the end of this Newsletter with information on what you need to know and how to get started with NOMA's CME courses.

NOMA's website address is: https://nevadaosteopathic.org/

Also, NOMA's 2025 Winter Symposium will be held 1/15/2025 through 1/19/2025 at Bally's South Lake Tahoe. See NOMA's website for further information.

### **CE Broker Integration Coming Soon**

The Board has taken steps to begin an integration of CE Broker with our Thentia license database system. CE Broker is a product that offers a continuing education tracking system with reporting and tracking features. Licensees will receive notification once the CE Broker integration is completed!

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

#### CME REQUIREMENTS FOR D.O., P.A., and A.A. LICENSEES

CME requirements for Osteopathic Physicians, control+click CME Requirements NV Osteopathic Physician

CME requirements for Physician Assistants, control+click CME Requirements NV Physician Assistants

CME requirements for Anesthesiologist Assistants, control+click CME Requirements NV Anesthesiologist Assistants

**NOTE**: Effective January 1, 2024, Osteopathic Physicians and Physician Assistants who provide or supervise emergency medical services in a hospital or primary care are required to complete CME consisting of two (2) credit hours in the stigma, discrimination and unrecognized bias toward persons who have acquired or at high risk of acquiring human immunodeficiency virus. This is a ONE TIME CME requirement and must be completed within two (2) years after beginning to provide such services. ("Primary care" means the practice of family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology and midwifery.)

#### CME AUDIT PROCESS

The Continuing Medical Education (CME) Audit Policy has been revised. See below.

- 1) CME audits will remain random, with the goal of all licensees being audited at least once every five (5) years, possibly more depending on the random choice;
- 2) CME fines are NO longer charged for those with deficient CME credits;
- 3) Audited licensees must prove they took all required CMEs for the previous year to renew their license; and,
- 4) If proof is not provided after receiving a final notification letter for renewal, a licensee's license will automatically expire pursuant to the provisions of NRS 633.481 and NAC 633.257(1).

See updated approved CME Audit policy, control+click <u>Approved Revised Policy Continuing Medical Education</u> Audits October 2021

**TO ALL LICENSEES:** Remember to provide to the Board either your residence address or regularly checked P.O. Box number as well as your current email address to ensure receiving important information from the Board. BUSINESS, PRACTICE OR LICENSING CREDENTIALLING OFFICE ADDRESSES ARE NOT TO BE USED as they are not reliable destinations to receive or manage mail.

#### SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

**NOTE:** ALL physician assistants MUST be supervised IN PERSON for the first 30 days of working with every Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine with whom they have a cooperating agreement. The statute, NRS 633.469(3), states: "A supervising osteopathic physician shall provide supervision to his or her physician assistant in person at all times during the first 30 days that the supervising osteopathic physician supervises the physician assistant. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a federally qualified health center." Additionally, Regulation NAC 633.289(3)(a) states: "Except as otherwise provided in NRS 633.469, a supervising physician shall provide supervision in person at least once each month to the physician assistant."

#### PHYSICIAN WELLNESS

The **Nevada Physician Wellness Coalition** (NPWC) is a non-profit organization headquartered in Reno, NV. They provide tools and resources to support physician and physician family wellbeing. As an autonomous entity, NPWC serves Nevada physicians, medical students, and families, regardless of place of employment or employment status.

For more information, visit their website at: <a href="https://www.nevadaphysicianwellnesscoalition.com">https://www.nevadaphysicianwellnesscoalition.com</a>



#### **Board recognized as Wellbeing First Champion**

The Board announces it has been recognized as a Wellbeing First Champion for 2024 by ALL IN: Wellbeing First for Healthcare. As a Wellbeing First Champion, the Board has verified that its licensure applications are free from intrusive and stigmatizing language around mental health care and treatment.

Verification that all such language around mental health has been removed is confirmed annually by ALL IN: Wellbeing First for Healthcare, a coalition of leading health care organizations, including the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation, which works to eliminate barriers for health workers to obtain needed mental health care.

#### Substance Use Disorders and Addiction Education to Meet New DEA Requirements

On December 29, 2022, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 enacted a new one-time requirement which went into effect as of June 27, 2023 for any Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)-registered practitioner (except for veterinarians) to complete eight hours of training "on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders."

Many U.S. states already require physicians and other medical professionals to complete CME hours on safer prescribing of opioids. This new requirement asks physicians to have additional education on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders.

If you have not met this specific eight-hour training requirement yet, the deadline to do so is the date of a practitioner's next scheduled DEA registration submission.

#### OCCUPATIONAL RESOURCES

**Nevada Osteopathic Medical Association (NOMA)** 

2245 Springdale Court, Reno, NV 89523 (855) 888-NOMA

www.nevadaosteopathic.org

Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)

www.fsmb.org

**Opioid and Pain Management Resource Web Page** 

http://www.fsmb.org/opioids/

**American Osteopathic Association** 

https://www.osteopathic.org/Pages/default.aspx

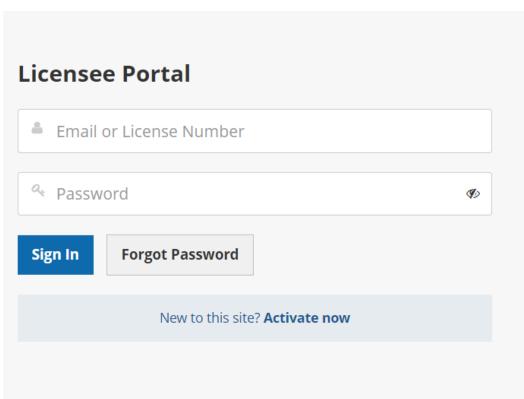
#### DO YOU HAVE NEWSLETTER TOPIC SUGGESTIONS?

Please email Frank DiMaggio at: fdimaggio@bom.nv.gov

PLEASE NOTE: The contents of this newsletter constitute official notice from the Board to its licensees. All licensees are responsible to read and understand the contents of this newsletter.

# NEVADA OSTEOPATHIC BOARD Licensee Instruction Guide -







Getting Started
Access & Logging In

This quick start guide shows how to quickly gain access and start using the Board's new licensing system (Thentia Cloud).

To access the Thentia Cloud Platform, a user needs internet access, a web browser and login credentials. \*Please use Chrome, Edge, or Firefox as your browser. DO NOT use Internet Explorer.

Users can access Thentia Cloud from their desktop/laptop or tablet device.

## Licensees may:

- Renew licenses
- Update personal & professional information, including addresses, telephone numbers, and email address)
- Submit a Name Change
- Upload continuing medical education certificates, and more!

# Step 1: Select *Licensee Portal* under Online Services On the Licensee Services Tab

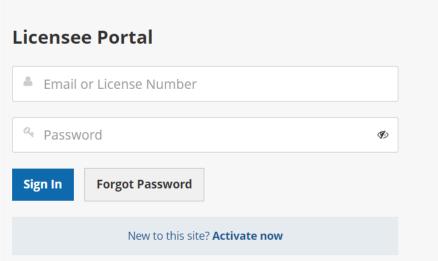
#### Online Services

Use the Application Portal to apply for a new license or to check the status of your application. Use the Licensee Portal to renew your license or change your address.

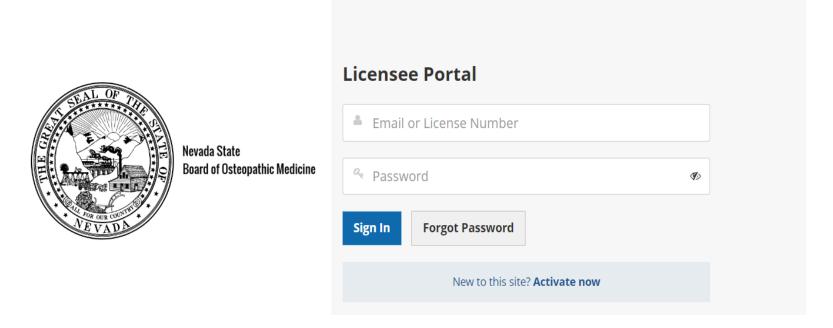
<u>Application Portal</u> Licensee Portal







# Step 2: Create a New User Account



Click – New to this site? Activate Now

\*Note: Please use email address that is on file with the Board.

## Step 3: Check your Email





#### Check your e-mail!

We've sent you an e-mail to activate your account. Have a look and follow the instructions to access to your account.

#### Didn't receive the e-mail?

Please check your junk/spam inbox and add **noreply@thentia.com** and **osteo@bom.nv.gov** to your safe senders e-mail list.

**Return to login** 

- A system generated password has been sent to your email address.
- Click Return to login

# Step 4: Get Temporary Password

Copy temporary password from your email

**To** nvdotest1

From noreply@thentiacloud.com

**Sending IP** 168.245.113.94 **Received** 2023-09-20 11:42:21

HTML JSON RAW LINKS SMTP LOG ATTACHMENTS

#### Thentia Cloud - Account Created

You have created an account on a Thentia Cloud Portal using this e-mail address and the system has generated a temporary password for you. When prompted online, enter the following password to complete your login:

Delete

zddtukskmed

It is important that you change your password now to maintain the security of your account. You can accomplish this by logging in to the system. You will be prompted to create a new password upon login.

Thentia Cloud

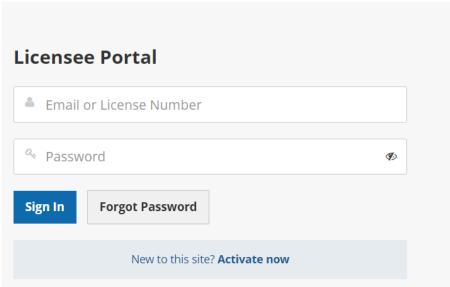
https://support.thentia.com/

# Step 5: Enter Email & Temporary Password

- Return to the Applicant Portal.
- Enter your email and temporary password.
- Click Sign In



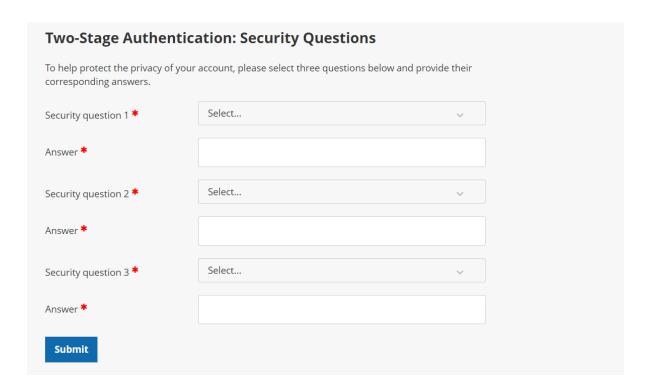




## Step 6: Account Authentication

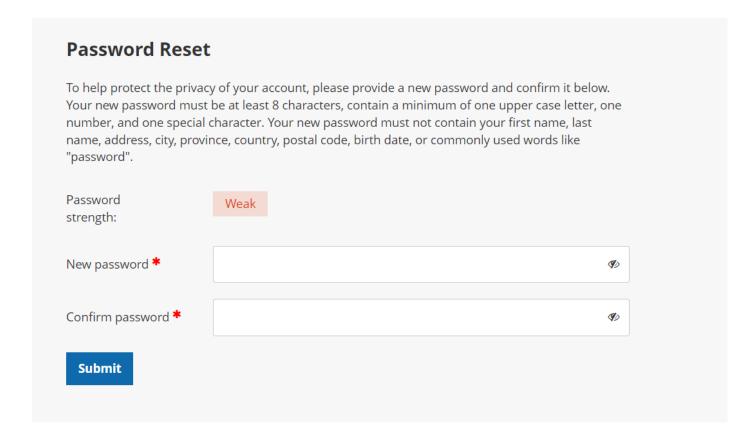


- Select three security questions.
- Create three answers.
- Click Submit



## Step 7: Create New Password

- Enter new password
- Confirm password
- Click Submit



# Step 8: Enter Licensee Portal



VERIFY & UPDATE LICENSEE INFORMATION.



**RENEW YOUR LICENSE** 



UPLOAD CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATES.



PRINT LICENSE CARD.



REQUEST NAME CHANGES.

## Contact the Board office for assistance.

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osteo@bom.nv.gov





#### Dear Colleagues,

The Nevada Osteopathic Medical Association (NOMA) is pleased to announce an exciting new resource for our community of healthcare professionals: our Continuing Medical Education (CME) videos are now available online, on-demand, 24/7, year-round! We understand the demanding schedules of osteopathic physicians and physician assistants/associates, and we are committed to providing the tools you need to stay informed, enhance your skills, and meet licensure requirements—on your time. With this initiative, you can complete your required CME credits at your convenience, wherever you have internet access.

#### What You Need to Know

- Access: The CME videos are hosted on our secure online platform and are accessible anytime, day or night, from any location.
- **Content:** Our comprehensive library includes all required CME topics for Nevada's initial licensure and renewal of osteopathic physicians and physician assistants/associates.
- **Convenience:** No need to attend in-person events or schedule around live webinars. Complete your CME requirements at a pace that fits your schedule.
- Cost: Each CME is available at \$125.00 PER HOUR.
- Quality: Each video is developed and delivered by subject matter experts to ensure the highest standard of educational content and is approved for use by the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine.

#### **How to Get Started**

- 1. **Visit Our Website:** Go to https://nevadaosteopathic.org/cme to browse the available courses.
- 2. Create an Account: Register for access in a few easy steps if you're new to our platform.
- 3. **Pay for CME Credits:** Pay for how many credits you need. If you need more than 9 CME credits, please contact us.
- 4. **Choose Your Videos:** Select the topics you need and start learning immediately.
- 5. **Earn Credits:** Complete the assessments provided with each course to earn your CME credits immediately.

#### Take advantage of Our Winter and Summer Symposiums!

While our on-demand CME videos provide unmatched convenience, we still encourage everyone to attend our Winter and Summer Symposiums. These events offer an excellent opportunity to earn 30-40 CME credits, engage with peers, food and entertainment, and experience live presentations from leading experts in the field. At NOMA, we support your professional growth and ensure you have the resources necessary to provide exceptional patient care. This on-demand CME offering will make fulfilling your professional development requirements more straightforward.

Should you have any questions or need assistance accessing the platform, please do not hesitate to contact our support team at Staff@NevadaOsteopathic.Org or text us at (855)-604-6662.Thank you for your commitment to excellence in osteopathic medicine. We look forward to supporting your continued success!