



# Texas Physician Assistant Board

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A message from the Presiding Officer:

The Texas Physician Assistant Board met on Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 and gave direction to the licensure staff of the TMB regarding the issuance of PA licenses. I am pleased to announce that a new system for license issuance was developed that is expected to greatly improve the timeliness for qualified applicants to be granted a FULL PA license. Beginning in late April the licensing division will issue a full permanent license to PA applicants on a MONTHLY basis to those who have met qualifications and have NOT been referred to the licensing committee of the Board for further review. It is important to note that this process will only affect those applicants for licensure that have completed ALL the requirements and have moved from the screening process to a licensure analyst and then determined to be COMPLETE.

It is planned that this new process will establish a monthly target date (Approximately 1 week prior the last Tuesday of each month) that all forms and documents must be submitted for final review. If an applicant doesn't meet a specific month's deadline, they will have an opportunity each subsequent month to meet have all items submitted for review and license issuance.

I would like to thank the many individuals, including representatives of the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants, who have provided Board members with feedback about the licensure process and other PA regulatory issues. Further I appreciate your patience as the Texas Medical Board continues to process an increasing amount of applicants for licensure.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Cooper".

Jason Cooper, MPAS, EMT-P, PA-C  
Presiding Officer

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