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Licensing Option for Limited Practitioner (Recent or Upcoming Law School Graduate)		Fees Covered By LOPD	Employee Responsibility *
<b>New Mexico Bar Exam</b>  <a href="https://nmexam.org/apply-for-admission/new-bar-exam/">https://nmexam.org/apply-for-admission/new-bar-exam/</a>		\$370 State Bar dues 1 <sup>st</sup> year	\$500 - \$1,500 bar exam fee (amount depends on time since graduation); \$44 fingerprint fee; \$25 application processing fee; any other exam or application-related charges
NM Licensing Option for Attorneys Licensed By Another State		Fees Covered By LOPD	Employee Responsibility *
<b>Public Employee Limited License</b>  <a href="http://www.nmexam.org/limited-license/">http://www.nmexam.org/limited-license/</a>  Attorney must submit a Character and Fitness Application to the New Mexico Board of Bar Examiners (NMBBE)	For attorneys licensed in any other state jurisdiction with an LOPD offer of employment and start date.	\$125 State Bar dues	\$250 character and fitness investigation fee; \$44 fingerprint fee; any other application-related charges
<b>Licensing options that may be pursued by an attorney issued a limited license after hired by LOPD –at the employees own expense and time. NOTE: Attorneys who received an LOPD job offer after having applied for reciprocity, UBE or reinstatement are urged to contact LOPD-HR for additional licensing details and information.</b>			
→ <b>Reciprocal Admission</b> ( <i>at own expense and on own time</i> )  <a href="http://www.nmexam.org/reciprocity/">http://www.nmexam.org/reciprocity/</a>	For attorneys licensed in reciprocal state jurisdiction engaged in active practice of law for no less than 5 of last 7 years.		\$2,500 application fee; \$44 fingerprint fee; any other application-related charges

<p>→ <b>Transfer Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) Score</b> (<i>at own expense and on own time</i>)</p> <p><a href="http://www.nmexam.org/transfer-ube-score/">http://www.nmexam.org/transfer-ube-score/</a></p>	<p>UBE earned outside of New Mexico. Requires a score of 260 or above and earned within 36 months of the application date.</p>		<p>\$500/\$1,000 application fee (amount depends on time since graduation); \$44 fingerprint fee; any other application-related charges</p>
<p>→ <b>Reinstatement of New Mexico License</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.nmexam.org/reinstatement/">http://www.nmexam.org/reinstatement/</a></p>	<p>For attorneys who possess an inactive New Mexico license.</p>		<p>\$350/\$550 application fee (amount depends on type of suspension); \$44 fingerprint fee; any other application-related charges</p>

**The following are additional benefits funded by LOPD to support you in your practice and development:**

<p><b>NM Bar – Bridge the Gap Program</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.nmbar.org/mentorship">https://www.nmbar.org/mentorship</a></p>	<p>Required for all <u>newly</u> admitted attorneys who have not practiced for a minimum of 2 years in another jurisdiction (LOPDs New Attorney Training satisfies this requirement).</p>	Membership fee	
<p><b>New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (NMCDLA) Membership</b></p> <p><a href="http://nmcdla.org/">http://nmcdla.org/</a></p> <p>Contact: <a href="mailto:Marisa.Salazar@lopdm.us">Marisa.Salazar@lopdm.us</a></p>	<p>Membership gets you access to the NMCDLA list serve and members library.</p>	Membership fee	
<p><b>National Association for Public Defense (NAPD) Membership</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.publicdefenders.us/">https://www.publicdefenders.us/</a></p> <p>Contact: <a href="mailto:Marisa.Salazar@lopdm.us">Marisa.Salazar@lopdm.us</a></p>	<p>Membership gets you access to a member's library, free live webinars and hundreds of recorded webinars.</p>	Membership fee	

*\*Other fees may apply, check with the NM Bar website for details.*

Please contact [Judy.Gonzales@lopdm.us](mailto:Judy.Gonzales@lopdm.us) to arrange for LOPD to pay prorated bar dues or the Bridge the Gap fee.

Questions should be emailed to LOPD Human Resources at [LOPD-HR@lopdm.us](mailto:LOPD-HR@lopdm.us).