

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

Licensure Policy PA-15-02

Title	Staff Action Authority to Evaluate Individual License Applications Consistent with M.G.L.c. 112 §9I
Purpose	The Board of Registration of Physician Assistants (“Board”) adopted a policy on December 10, 2009 to determine the “Good Moral Character” of applicants and licensees as required by M.G.L.c. 112 §9I (Policy PA-09-02). The Board adopts this policy to authorize Board staff to evaluate the Good Moral Character of a specific subset of applicants who meet the criteria set forth below.
Date Adopted	October 8, 2015, Amended March 9, 2017
Authorization to issue <u>initial</u> licensure	<p>The Executive Director (ED) and/or his or her designee may issue a license to an applicant provided that the applicant meets all requirements in 263 CMR 3.01 – 3.04 and the ED or designee determines that an individual with a history of criminal charges meets the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicant has one arrest, indictment, or conviction s/he discloses to the Board, 2. That occurred 5 years or more prior to submission of the application,¹ 3. That did not involve violence against another person, 4. That is fully resolved in the court system with no outstanding obligations, and 5. If there is an adverse finding on one (1) charge of Operating Under the Influence of drugs or alcohol, there is no other evidence of a substance use disorder.
Report to Board	At the next scheduled Executive Session of the Board, Board staff shall submit a report to the Board listing all actions taken pursuant to this policy since the prior Executive Session.

¹ Consistent with C.O.R.I. requirements