



MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

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Acupuncturist Licensure Instructions

1. These instructions apply to applicants seeking an acupuncturist license in Mississippi.
2. Satisfy the Board that he or she is at least twenty-one (21) years of age and of good moral character.
3. Satisfy the Board that he or she is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States of America.
4. Complete an application for license and submit it to the Board in the manner prescribed, with a recent passport-type photograph.
5. Pay the appropriate fee as determined by the Board.
6. Present a certified copy of birth certificate or valid and current passport.
7. Submit proof of legal change of name if applicable (notarized or certified copy of marriage license or other legal proceeding).
8. Provide information on registration or licensure in all other states where the applicant is or has been registered as an acupuncturist.
9. Provide favorable references from two (2) acupuncturists licensed in the United States with whom the applicant has worked or trained.
10. Provide proof, directly from the institution, of successful completion of an educational program for acupuncturists that is in candidacy status or accredited by ACAOM, NCCAOM, or its predecessor or successor agency, that is at least three (3) years in duration and includes a supervised clinical internship. This ensures that applicants with education outside the United States are recognized through the NCCAOM review process for foreign applicants.
11. Pass the certification examinations administered by the NCCAOM and have current NCCAOM Diplomate status in Acupuncture or Oriental Medicine consistent with one of the following:
 - a. If taken before June 1, 2004: pass the Comprehensive Written Exam (CWE), the Clean Needle Technique portion (CNTP), and the Practical Examination of Point Location Skills (PEPLS).
 - b. If taken on or after June 1, 2004, and before January 1, 2007: pass the NCCAOM Foundations of Oriental Medicine Module, Acupuncture Module, Point Location Module, and Biomedicine Module.
 - c. If taken on or after January 1, 2007: pass the NCCAOM Foundations of Oriental Medicine Module, Acupuncture Module with Point Location Module, and the Biomedicine Module.
12. If a graduate of an international educational program, provide proof of ability to communicate in English as demonstrated by one of the following:
 - d. Passage of the NCCAOM examination taken in English.

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- e. Passage of the TOEFL with a score of 560 or higher (paper-based) or 220 or higher (computer-based).
 - f. Passage of the TSE (Test of Spoken English) with a score of 50 or higher.
 - g. Passage of the TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication) with a score of 500 or higher.
13. Provide proof of successful completion of a CCAOM-approved clean needle technique course sent directly from the course provider to the Board.
 14. Provide proof of current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification from either the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.
 15. Provide proof of malpractice insurance with a minimum of \$1 million in coverage.
 16. Applicant Fingerprints. If an applicant's license has lapsed for five (5) years or more, he or she is required to submit fingerprints. The Board may, at its discretion, require fingerprints for applicants whose license has lapsed less than five (5) years. Applicants may submit fingerprints by one of the following methods:
 - FD-258 fingerprint cards. The Board will mail two cards to the address the applicant supplies at submission, or the applicant may obtain cards directly from a local law enforcement agency or other fingerprinting service provider. Complete the cards at the provider and return them to the Board.
 - LiveScan at MSBML. If this option is selected, the Board will contact the applicant once the application has been reviewed and approved to schedule a LiveScan fingerprinting appointment.

Application Documents

Documents provided by the applicant:

1. Affidavit and Perpetual Release Form (signed and notarized)
2. Birth Certificate (notarized copy; if name has changed, include notarized evidence of name change)
3. Acupuncture School Diploma (copy)
4. Driver's License (copy)
5. Foreign Language Documents (must be translated into English and certified by a recognized translator)
6. CPR Certificate (copy of current cardiopulmonary resuscitation certificate)
7. Electronic Photograph (in format documented in the MSBML Photograph Guidelines)
8. English Proficiency Exam scores (if graduate of a foreign educational program; notarized copy)
9. Proof of citizenship or permanent residency (notarized copy of one: U.S. birth certificate, U.S. passport, Consular Report of Birth Abroad, Certificate of Naturalization, Certificate of Citizenship, or U.S. Permanent Resident Card)

Verifications provided by third parties (sent directly to MSBML):

1. State Medical Licensure Certification (Appendix D) from each state where applicant holds or held a license
2. Malpractice Insurance Certification from each insurance company where applicant has had coverage
3. Activity Certification (Appendix C) from each applicable institution for activities completed within the past 5 years
4. NCCAOM Examination Report (scores sent directly from NCCAOM)
5. Clean Needle Technique (CNT) Certificate (verification from CCAOM)
6. Official Transcript from Acupuncture School