



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 ACAHM (Accreditation Commission of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine, formerly ACAOM) 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. Possess current and active NCCAOM Diplomate status in Acupuncture or Oriental Medicine.
12. If a graduate of an international educational program, provide proof of ability to communicate in English as demonstrated by one of the following:
 - a. Passage of the NCCAOM examination taken in English.
 - b. Passage of the TOEFL with a score of 580 or higher (paper-based, PBT) or 90 or higher (iBT).
 - c. Passage of the TSE (Test of Spoken English) with a score of 50 or higher.
 - d. Passage of the TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication) with a score of 785 or higher.
13. Provide proof of current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification from either the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

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14. Provide proof of malpractice insurance with a minimum of \$1 million in coverage.
15. Applicant Fingerprints. All applicants must submit fingerprints for state and national criminal history background checks. 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 to schedule a LiveScan fingerprinting appointment.

Documents Provided by Applicant

Original notarized documents must be mailed or hand-delivered to the Board (see the Notary Guidelines and Certification Form).

1. Affidavit and Perpetual Release of Information form (signed and notarized)
2. Applicant Supplemental Affidavit and Narrative Form (required, if applicable, and should be submitted with the supporting documentation provided if requested by the Board through the application process)
3. Birth Certificate or Passport (certified copy; if your name has changed, include a notarized or certified copy of the name-change document)
4. Acupuncture School Diploma (copy)
5. Driver's License (copy)
6. Foreign Language Documents (any document not in English must be translated into English and certified by a recognized translator)
7. CPR Certificate (copy of current cardiopulmonary resuscitation certificate)
8. Electronic Photograph (in format documented in the MSBML Photograph Guidelines)
9. English Proficiency Exam scores (if graduate of an international educational program; notarized copy)
10. Proof of citizenship or permanent residency (certified or 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

These are primary source verifications and are accepted only if sent directly from the applicable institution to MSBML.

1. State Medical Board Licensure Certification from each state where applicant holds or held a license
2. Acupuncturist Malpractice Insurance Certification from each insurance company where applicant has had coverage
3. Activity Certification from each applicable institution for activities completed within the past five (5) years
4. NCCAOM Examination Report (scores sent directly from NCCAOM)
5. Official Transcript from Acupuncture School

Questions

Questions may be sent to mboard@msbml.ms.gov. Put the license type and your full name in the subject line so your message reaches the right licensing professional.