

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AN APPLICATION TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED ACUPUNCTURIST IN VIRGINIA

(This form has been designed to be used as a checklist when preparing to submit your application.)

APPLICATION FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE

BEFORE YOU PROCEED, READ THE FOLLOWING POINTS CAREFULLY!

NOTE

AN APPLICATION THAT IS NOT COMPLETE EXPIRES ONE YEAR AFTER IT IS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO ENSURE THAT ALL NECESSARY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARRIVE AT THE BOARD PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE. IF THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION EXPIRES, THE APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT ANOTHER APPLICATION, PAY THE APPLICATION FEE AGAIN AND ENSURE THAT NEW SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ALSO GET TO THE BOARD.

A completed application must be returned to this office along with the fee of \$130.00. Applications and fees must be received together. Only checks or money orders are accepted. Please make your payment instrument payable to the “Treasurer of Virginia.”

Certain forms may be faxed to 804-527-4426. The phone number to the Virginia Board of Medicine is 804-367-4600. The Board’s email address is medbd@dhp.virginia.gov

Mailing Address

Virginia Board of Medicine
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300
Henrico, VA 23233-1463

The Board of Medicine discourages the use of the United States Postal Service to send documents. If possible, and if noted below, you are encouraged to have your documents sent by pdf attachment or FAX. The Board is unable to trace documents not delivered by the post office. If you wish to send your documents by overnight mail, please use FED EX or UPS.

1. **Application and Fee** – The completed four (4) page application should be returned with the required fee of \$130.00. Applications **will not** be processed unless the fee is attached. Applications submitted without the application fee will be returned. Checks should be made payable to the “Treasurer of Virginia.” This document **may not** be faxed.

2. **Examination Scores** – Forward the [NCCAOM Certification Form](#) requesting the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) to provide evidence of certification, successful completion of the Practical Examination of Point Location Skills (PEPLS) and of successful completion of the Clean Needle Technique (CNT) course. This document **may not** be faxed.

3. **Transcripts** – **If you are a U.S. graduate of an ACAOM approved program**, contact your school and have them send your transcripts to the Board. Transcripts must be provided directly from the school and may not be faxed.

If you are a graduate of a program that is not ACAOM approved, have your educational course of study in acupuncture evaluated by a credential evaluation service approved by the Board. Any member of NACES (National Association of Credential Evaluation Services) or NAFSA (National Association for Foreign Student Affairs) who provide course-by-course evaluations is acceptable. If the evaluation service does not provide a copy of the original transcripts as well as an English translation as part of their report, the applicant will be required to have the documents provided to the Board.

4. **Employment Activity** – List all activities from the date of graduation from your professional school including but not limited to internships, employment, affiliations, periods of non-activity or unemployment, observerships and volunteer service in the “Employment Activity” section of the application beginning with your first activity following professional school graduation. If you are employed by a group practice or locum tenens/traveler company, please list all locations where you have provided service or held privileges. If you need additional space to record your employment activities, please follow this link to obtain a supplemental form and submit with your application:

Supplemental Form -

<https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/media/dhpweb/docs/med/forms/SupplementalForm.pdf>

For applicants practicing as travelers or locum tenens, have the company you are affiliated with provide a complete list of all locations and dates where you have provided service.

5. Verification of professional license from a jurisdiction within the United States, its territories and possessions or Canada in which you have been issued a full license must be received by the Board. **Please contact the applicable jurisdiction where you have been issued a license to practice acupuncture to inquire about having documentation forwarded to the Virginia Board of Medicine.** Verification must come from the jurisdiction and maybe sent by email to lac-medbd@dhp.virginia.gov, faxed to (804) 527-4426, or mailed.

6. **NPDB Self Query** – Complete the online **Place a Self-Query Order form at <https://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/>**. Be ready to provide:

- o Identifying information such as name, date of birth, Social Security number
- o State health care license information (if you are licensed)
- o Credit or debit card information for the \$4.00 fee (charged for each copy you request)

Verify your identity. This can be done electronically as part of your order or by completing a paper form and having it notarized. You will receive full instructions as you complete your order.

Wait for your response. Once your identity is verified, the NPDB will process your order.

PLEASE NOTE: The Board would accept a digitally-certified electronic copy of your NPDB self-query report, if requested, in lieu of a mailed copy. The digitally-certified copy can be emailed to lac-medbd@dhp.virginia.gov.

If you request a paper copy, a paper copy of your response will be sent the next business day by regular U.S. mail. If you choose to mail your NPDB self-query report, when you receive your report in the mail from NPDB, **DO NOT OPEN IT. Place your unopened NPDB report in an oversized envelope and forward it to the Virginia Board of Medicine. The Board recommends using Fed EX or UPS for tracking purposes. The Board of Medicine is unable to track any mail or other package that is sent via the United States Postal Service.**

Any NPDB report received for an application not completed within 6 months of receipt of the NPDB report will have to be resubmitted.

7. Copies of documentation supporting any name change since your initial licensure in Virginia.

8. **TOEFL/TSE Scores** – **An applicant whose native language is not English** shall provide evidence submitted directly from TOEFL/TSE that they have taken and passed either the TOEFL or TSE examination. This requirement may be waived pursuant to Virginia regulations 18 VAC 85-110-90 B. <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title18/agency85/chapter110/>

9. If you answer “yes” to any question in numbers 8-20, provide supporting documentation to the Board, in addition to providing a narrative explaining your answer. Please provide court documentation for any convictions.

Please note:

*Please be aware that consistent with Virginia law and the mission of the Department of Health Professions, public addresses on file with the Board of Medicine are made available to the public. The Board address noted on your application may be different from the public address and is not released to the public. This notice is to reiterate that the Board of Medicine will allow the Board address of record to be a Post Office Box or practice location.

*Applications will be acknowledged after receipt if items are missing.

*Applications not completed within 12 months may be purged without notice from the board.

*Additional information may be requested after review by Board representatives.

**Application fees are non-refundable.*

* Do not begin practice until you have been notified of approval. Submission of an application does not guarantee a license. A review of your application could result in the finding that you may not be eligible pursuant to Virginia laws and regulations.

*Certain forms may be faxed to 804-527-4426.



Application for License to Practice Acupuncture

To the Board of Medicine of Virginia:

I hereby make application for a license to practice acupuncture in the Commonwealth of Virginia and submit the following statements:

1. Name in Full (Please Print or Type)

Last	First	Middle
Date of Birth ____ _ MO DAY YEAR	Social Security No. or VA Control No.*	Maiden Name if applicable
Public Address: This address will be public information:	House No. Street or PO Box	City State and Zip
Board Address: This address will be used for Board Correspondence and may be the same or different from the public address.	House No. Street or PO Box	City State and Zip
Work Phone Number	Home/Cell Phone Number	Email Address

Please submit address changes in writing immediately to medbd@dhp.virginia.gov

Please attach check or money order payable to the Treasurer of Virginia for \$130.00. Application will not be processed without the fee. Do not submit fee without an application. **IT WILL BE RETURNED.**

APPLICANTS DO NOT USE SPACES BELOW THIS LINE – FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

APPROVED BY _____

Date _____

LICENSE NUMBER	PROCESSING NUMBER	FEE
0121-		\$130

*In accordance with §54.1-116 Code of Virginia, you are required to submit your Social Security Number or your control number** issued by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. If you fail to do so, the processing of your application will be suspended and fees will not be refunded. This number will be used by the Department of Health Professions for identification and will not be disclosed for other purposes except as provided by law. Federal and state law requires that this number be shared with other state agencies for child support enforcement activities. **NO LICENSE WILL BE ISSUED TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS FAILED TO DISCLOSE ONE OF THESE NUMBERS.**

**In order to obtain a Virginia driver's license control number, it is necessary to appear in person at an office of the Department of Motor Vehicles in Virginia. A fee and disclosure to DMV of your Social Security Number will be required to obtain this number.

3. I hereby certify that I studied acupuncture and received the degree of _____ on _____
 _____ from _____.
 (Date) (Name of School)

4. Do you intend to engage in the active practice of acupuncture in the Commonwealth of Virginia? Yes No

If Yes, give location _____

5. List all jurisdictions in which you have been issued a license to practice acupuncture: include all active, inactive, expired, suspended or revoked licenses. Indicate number and date issued.

Jurisdiction	Number Issued	Active/Inactive/Expired

QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED. If any of the following questions (8-19) is answered **Yes**, explain and substantiate with documentation.

- | | YES | NO |
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| 6. Are you certified by the NCCAOM? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Have you requested a current report (Self-Query) from NPDB? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Have you ever been denied a license or the privilege of taking a licensure/competency examination by any testing entity or licensing authority? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Have you ever been convicted of a violation of/or pled Nolo Contendere to any federal, state, or local statute, or regulation or ordinance, or entered into an plea bargaining relating to a felony or misdemeanor? (Excluding traffic violations, except convictions for driving under the influence.) Additionally, any information concerning an a charge, or conviction that has been sealed, including arrests, charges, or convictions for possession of marijuana, not have to be disclosed. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Have you ever been denied privileges or voluntarily surrendered your clinical privileges for any reason? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Have you ever been placed on a corrective action plan, placed on probation or been dismissed or suspended or requested to withdraw from any professional school, training program, hospital, etc? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Have you ever been terminated from employment or resigned in lieu of termination from any training program, hospital, healthcare facility, healthcare provider, provider network or malpractice insurance carrier? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Do you have any pending disciplinary actions against your professional license/certification/permit/registration related to your practice of acupuncture? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. Have you voluntarily withdrawn from any professional society while under investigation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. Within the past five years, have you exhibited any conduct or behavior that could call into question your ability to practice in a competent and professional manner? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

16. Within the past five years, have you been disciplined by any entity?
17. Do you currently have any physical condition or impairment that affects or limits your ability to perform any of the Obligations and responsibilities of professional practice in a safe and competent manner? “Currently” means recently enough so that the condition could reasonably have an impact on your ability to function as a practicing acupuncturist.
18. Do you currently have any mental health condition or impairment that affects or limits your ability to perform any of the obligations and responsibilities of professional practice in a safe and competent manner? “Currently” means recently enough so that the condition could reasonably have an impact on your ability to function as a practicing acupuncturist.
19. Do you currently have any condition or impairment related to alcohol or other substance use that affects or limits your ability to perform any of the obligations and responsibilities of professional practice in a safe and competent manner? “Currently” means recently enough so that the condition could reasonably have an impact on your ability to function as a practicing acupuncturist.
20. Within the past five years, have you any condition or restrictions been imposed upon you or your practice to avoid disciplinary action by any entity?

Malpractice Information

21. Have you had any malpractice suits brought against you in the past ten (10) years? If so, please provide a narrative for each closed or pending case during this time period.

Military Service:

22. Are you a spouse of someone who is on a federal active duty orders pursuant to Title 10 of the U.S. Code or of a veteran who has left active-duty service within one year of submission of this application and who is accompanying your spouse to Virginia or an adjoining state or the District of Columbia?
23. Are you active duty military?

22. AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT

I, _____, am the person referred to in the foregoing application and supporting documents.

I hereby authorize all hospitals, institutions, or organizations, my references, personal physicians, employers (past and present), business and professional associates (past and present), and all governmental agencies and instrumentalities (local, state, federal, or foreign) to release to the Virginia Board of Medicine any information, files or records requested by the Board in connection with the processing of individuals and groups listed above, any information which is material to me and my application.

I have carefully read the questions in the foregoing application and have answered them completely, without reservations of any kind, and I declare under penalty of perjury that my answers and all statements made by me herein are true and correct. Should I furnish any false information in this application, I hereby agree that such act shall constitute cause for the denial, suspension, or revocation of my license to practice acupuncture in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

I have carefully read the laws and regulations related to the practice of my profession which are available at www.dhp.virginia.gov and I understand that fees submitted as part of the application process shall not be refunded.

Signature of Applicant

Date