



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
**HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS LICENSING BOARD**

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### **General Information**

#### **Completion of the Application Forms**

Help us to do a good job processing your application. Type or print legibly all application documents. Please read the instructions and give careful thought before answering the questions in the application. Remember, you are certifying that the information is truthful and correct. Make sure all documents are originals or a certified or notarized true copy of original documents. Provide all documents requested in the application; incomplete applications will delay processing. Application fees must accompany applications before initial review can begin.

Each question in the application must be answered. Attach separate sheets of paper, labeled with your name and signed by you, for any question for which you provided a "yes" response.

Failure to answer all questions completely and accurately, or the omission or falsification of information may be cause for denial of your application or disciplinary action if the board subsequently issues you a license.

The application cannot be altered, changed, modified or added to unless approved by the Board.

#### **Confidentiality**

The contents of licensing files are generally considered public records. If you believe that the additional information you are attaching to explain a "yes" answer should be considered confidential, state that in the attachment. A request for confidentiality may or may not be granted.

#### **Documents sent by Fax or Email**

Fax copies or documents sent via email are not accepted for documentation or verification in our licensing process. If copy of document is sent via fax or email, the original must be send via U.S. Postal Service to the Board's office.

#### **Foreign Language Documents**

All documents submitted in a foreign language shall be accompanied by an accurate translation in English. Each translated document shall bear the affidavit of the translator certifying that the translator is competent in both the language of the document and the English language and that the translation is a true and complete translation of the foreign language original, and sworn to before a notary public. Translation of any document relative to a person's application shall be at the expense of the applicant.

#### **Personal Interviews**

Applicants for licensure may be required to have a personal interview either with an individual board member or with the full board. Should an interview be required, you will be notified and an interview scheduled. An interview may be required if, during the processing of your application, a question arises for which the board determines it requires additional information from you.

#### **Processing Time**

In general, average processing time for a permanent license is 4 – 6 weeks. Application processing time depends to a large extent on the response time from other organizations, our workload and the volume of applications being processed.

#### **License Renewal**

All licenses issued by the Board expired every two years following its issuance or renewal and becomes invalid after that date. Notification for license renewal is mailed or emailed to licensees at least sixty (60) days before the expiration date. You are required by regulations to keep your current address on file with the Board. There is a late fee of \$25.00 charged for every 1st of the month after the expiration date. Licenses, which have expired for failure to renew on or before the date required may be reinstated within one year of the expiration date. Each licensee whose license has expired and lapsed for more than one year by failure to renew must file a new application, meet present day requirements for licensure, and receive board approval.

#### **License Denial**

If for any reason you are denied the license you are applying for, you are entitled to a hearing pursuant to the Commonwealth Administrative Procedures Act, 1 CMC § 9108-15.

**Abandonment of Application**

Your application shall be considered abandoned and shall be destroyed if you fail to provide evidence of continued efforts to complete the licensing process for one (1) year. If the application is deemed abandoned the applicant shall be required to reapply for licensure and comply with the licensing requirements in effect at the time of the reapplication.

**Schedule of Fees**

Application Fee	\$100.00	Replacement of License	\$75.00
License Fee	\$100.00	Replacement of Card	\$25.00
Temporary License Fee	\$100.00	Verification of License	\$25.00
Renewal License Fee	\$100.00	Letter of Good Standing	\$25.00
Delinquent Fee (each month)	\$25.00		

**Licensing Requirements to Practice Acupuncture in the CNMI**

- An applicant to practice acupuncture must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, a U.S. citizen or a foreign national lawfully entitled to remain and work in the Commonwealth, and meet the following requirements:
- Applicant must submit evidence of a valid, active license from a U.S. state or territory to practice acupuncture; or Applicant is a graduate of a school of acupuncture accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM) or a foreign school evaluated by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO); and
- Applicant passed the NCCAOM written comprehensive examination or submits a notarized copy of a current NCCAOM certification; and
- Applicant has completed clinical internship training not less than one (1) year under the direct supervision of a licensed acupuncturist. The clinical internship training may be obtained from a licensed acupuncturist at an approved school or from another clinical setting, from a licensed acupuncturist in private practice, or from any combination thereof. The licensed acupuncturist providing direct supervision shall:
  - (a) Have been licensed and actively practicing for a period not than five (5) years prior to the start of the applicant's clinical internship training; and
  - (b) Have had a current, valid, and unencumbered license during the course of supervision.
- The Board may deny licensure if the applicant has been the subject of an adverse action in which his or her license was suspended, revoked, placed on probation, conditioned, or renewal was denied in any U.S. or foreign jurisdiction.
- Items/Documents required when applying:
  - Application form
  - Application non-refundable fee of \$100  
(Cashier's Check or Money Order made payable to "CNMI Treasurer")
  - Current and active acupuncture license from any U.S. state or Canada; or a diploma or certificate showing a degree of acupuncture or certification of completion of a program of acupuncture accredited by ACAOM or evaluated by AACRAO
  - Evidence of NCCAOM examination or a notarized copy of a current NCCAOM certification
  - Evidence that applicant has completed at least one (1) year of clinical internship training under the supervision of a licensed acupuncturist



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Attach a recent 2x2 ID photo here taken within 6 months of the application.

**APPLICATION FOR ACUPUNCTURE**

<input type="checkbox"/> Initial	<input type="checkbox"/> Endorsement	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary
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**HCPLB STAFF USE ONLY**

Date Received:

**APPLICATION INFORMATION** – Please Type or Print

1. Last:	First:	Middle:	2. Social Security No:
3. Birthdate: (Mo/Day/Yr)	4. Color of Eyes: Color of Hair:	5. Height: Weight:	6. Sex:
7. Mailing Address:		8. Email Address:	
9. Residence Address:		10. Phone No: (W): (H):	
11. NPI # (if available):		12. Citizenship: ____ U.S. ____ Other                      Specify:	

**13. EDUCATION** – (Provide an original, notarized or certified copy of your degree)

Name of Schools	Location (City/State or Country)	Degree Earned	Dates (Mo/Yr)	
			From	To

**14. CLINICAL INTERNSHIP TRAINING** – (List internship training program chronologically.)

School of Clinic	Location (City/State or Country)	Dates (Mo/Yr)	
		From	To

**15. EXAMINATIONS** – (List examination you have taken or submit a current/active NCCAOM certification)

Examination	Date	Result (Pass/Fail)

**16. LICENSES – (List of all jurisdiction where you are licensed or applied for a license.)**

Name of Jurisdiction	Date Issued	Expiration Date	License Number	Current Status

**17. Name/Address of Intended Employment within the CNMI:**


*If you answer "yes" for any of items 18-32 you must attach a detailed explanation on a separate sheet, which includes state or country where action is pending or took place, relevant dates, action taken and reasons for such action. (Include Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law, Final Order and whether you have been reinstated. If reinstated, date and conditions of license.)*

18. Have you ever been charged with, or been found to have committed dishonorable, unprofessional conduct, negligence, incompetence, misconduct, or repeated negligent acts by any licensing board, other agency, or clinic?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
19. Has a claim or an action ever been filed against you for your profession which resulted in a settlement, judgment, or arbitration award of \$25,000 or more?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
20. Has any licensing board, other agency, or disciplinary authority refused to issue you a license, renew your license, suspended, revoked, accepted surrender of your license, placed on probation or conditioned your license, held by you now or previously, or ever fined or otherwise disciplined you?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
21. Is there any ongoing or pending investigation against you?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
22. Is there any disciplinary action pending against you?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
23. Has any clinic or training program restricted or terminated your professional training, employment, or privileges or have you ever voluntarily or involuntarily resigned or withdrawn from such association to avoid imposition of such measures?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
24. Has your ability to practice your profession in a competent and safe manner ever been impaired or limited by any condition, behavior, impairment, or limitation of a physical, mental, or emotional nature?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
25. Have you used or are you currently using any chemical substances(s), legal or illegal, that in any way impaired or limited, or is currently impairing or limiting, your ability to practice your profession in a safe and competent manner?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
26. Have you been enrolled in, required to enter into, or participated in any drug or alcohol recovery program or impaired practitioner program?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
27. Have you been treated for or had a recurrence or a diagnosed addictive disorder?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
28. Have you ever been diagnosed with a neurological or other physical condition that would impair your ability to practice your profession safely?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
29. Do you have any other condition in which in any way impairs or limits your ability to practice your profession safely?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
30. Have you ever been found guilty, pleaded guilty, no contest, or nolo contendere to a crime involving moral turpitude or crime related to your profession, or felony in any court?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
31. Is criminal action pending against you in any court?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
32. Are you required to register as a Sex Offender?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

**33. DECLARATION:**

I hereby certify that I am the person herein named subscribing to this application. I have read the complete application, and I know the full content hereof. I declare that all of the information contained herein and evidence or other credentials submitted herewith are true and correct. I understand that any falsification or misrepresentation of any item or response in this application, or any attachment hereto or falsification or misrepresentation of credentials to support this application, is sufficient grounds for denying, revoking, or otherwise disciplining a license to practice a health profession in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. I further certify that I have read and will abide by P.L. 15-105 and the HCPLB Regulations.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

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*Please complete the application form and attach all original, certified or notarized documents and a non-refundable application fee of \$100.00 (money order or cashier's check make payable to "CNMI Treasurer"). Do not send cash.*

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**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), do hereby authorize a disclosure of records concerning myself to the Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB). This release includes records of a public, private or confidential nature.

I acknowledge that the information released to the HCPLB may include material that is protected by federal and/or state laws applicable to substance abuse and mental health information. If applicable, I specifically authorize the release of confidential information to and from the HCPLB relating to substance abuse or dependence and/or mental health.

I further agree that the HCPLB may receive confidential information and records, including, but not limited to the following records:

- Medical Records
- Education Records
- Personnel or employment records, including records of any remedial, probationary, disciplinary, or any other adverse information contained in those records.
- Post-graduate training (internship, residency, and fellowship) records, including records or any remedial, probationary, disciplinary, or any other adverse information contained in those records.
- Any information the HCPLB deems reasonably necessary for the purposes set forth in this release.

**Release of Liability:**

I do hereby irrevocably and unconditionally release, covenant not to sue, and forever discharge any person or entity, including but not limited to any medical school, residency or fellowship training program, hospital, health care provider, health care facility, licensing board, impaired practitioner program, agency, or organization, which releases information to the HCPLB pursuant to this release from any liability, claim, or cause of action arising out of the release of such information. I further irrevocably and unconditionally release, covenant not to sue, and forever discharge the HCPLB, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and its employees and agents from any liability, claim, or cause of action arising out of the collection or release of information pursuant to this release.

A photocopy of this release form will be valid as an original thereof, even though the photocopy does not contain an original writing of my signature.

I have read and fully understand the contents of this "Authorization to Release Information".

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Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date