

**MICHIGAN ATHLETIC TRAINER LICENSING GUIDE**

**LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST**  
 (Listed below are the minimum requirements needed to obtain an athletic trainer license.)

**APPLICATION AND FEES**

- Online application for an Athletic Trainer license - Complete all fields, answer all questions and upload any supporting documentation. Online applications can be completed by visting [www.michigan.gov/miplus](http://www.michigan.gov/miplus)
  
- Application Fee (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover credit or debit card.):  
 AT by Exam: \$405.55  
 AT by Endorsement: \$405.55  
 AT Relicensure: \$425.55

**THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO ALL APPLICANTS FOR AN ATHLETIC TRAINER LICENSE**

- Criminal Background Check – Once the application is completed and submitted you will be emailed an Application Confirmation letter containing instructions to complete the Criminal Background Check (except those applicants seeking relicensure if the license expired within the last three years).
- Good Moral Character Questions – Documentation and explanation will be required if you answer “yes” to either question to show at the current time you have the ability to, and are likely to, serve the public in a fair, honest and open manner, that you are rehabilitated, or that the substance of the former offense is not reasonably related to the occupation or profession for which you are seeking a license.
- Human Trafficking – Beginning April 22, 2021, completion of training to identify victims of human trafficking is required for initial licensure that meets the standards of Administrative Rule 338.1303. This is a one-time training.
- Social Security Number (SSN) – An individual applying for licensure is required to provide his or her social security number at the time of application. If exempt under law from obtaining an SSN or do not have an SSN, the SSN affidavit form will be required to submitted with the application.
- Verification of Licensure – Verification of licensure must be submitted directly to our office by the licensing agency of any state of the United States or country in which you hold or ever held a license. The verification must show that disciplinary proceedings are not pending against the applicant and sanctions are not in force at the time of application. Verification can be emailed to [bpldata@michigan.gov](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909

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- English Language Proficiency – An individual applying for licensure must demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language. This can be established if either the applicant's required health professional educational program was taught in English, a transcript establishes the applicant earned not less than 60 college level credits from an English-speaking graduate or undergraduate school, or that the applicant obtained a passing score on an approved English proficiency exam as established by the department under [R 338.7002b\(2\)](#) of the Public Health Code – General Rules.
- Implicit Bias Training – Beginning June 1, 2022, completion of 3 hours of implicit bias training within the 5 years immediately preceding issuance of the license or requirements is required.
- Successfully completed emergency cardiac care training from a program that satisfies the requirements of [R 338.1355](#) within 3 years prior to licensure and hold an unexpired emergency cardiac care certification.
  - Photocopy of document showing certification in emergency cardiac care training as outlined above
  - Photocopy of document showing current unexpired emergency cardiac care certification.

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY EXAM – WHERE THE APPLICANT IS A GRADUATE OF A TRAINING PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY CAATE. (These requirements are in addition to what is required by ALL APPLICANTS)**

- Official transcripts confirming degree awarded and date conferred, submitted directly to our office, from an athletic trainer educational program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Athletic Training Education (CAATE).
- Certification of a passing the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) examination. Results of the examination should be sent directly to this office by the BOC. You can visit their website at [www.bocatc.org](http://www.bocatc.org).

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY EXAM – FOREIGN GRADUATES (These requirements are in addition to what is required by ALL APPLICANTS)**

- Certification of passing the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) examination.
- Verification of national licensure, registration or certification recognized by the BOC.
- Verification of either of the above should be sent directly to this office by the BOC. You can visit their website at [www.bocatc.org](http://www.bocatc.org).
- Verification/certification of license, registration, or certification to practice as an athletic trainer to be submitted directly to this office by the licensing agency of any state or territory of the United States, province of Canada, or other country in which you hold a current license or ever held a license as a professional athletic trainer. Verification includes, but is not limited to, showing proof of any disciplinary action taken or pending disciplinary action imposed.

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### REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE APPLYING BY ENDORSEMENT (These requirements are in addition to what is required by ALL APPLICANTS)

- Verification of current, valid BOC certification with the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC)
- Verification of national licensure, registration or certification recognized by the BOC.
- Verification of either of the above should be sent directly to this office by the BOC. You can visit their website at [www.bocatc.org](http://www.bocatc.org).

### REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE APPLYING FOR RELICENSURE

**Applicants for an athletic trainer license by relicensure whose license has been lapsed for LESS THAN 3 years at the time of application must submit the following:**

- Establish that he or she is of good moral character.
- Verification of current, valid BOC certification with the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) sent directly from the BOC to this office. Verification can be requested by going to [www.bocatc.org](http://www.bocatc.org).
- Verification of successfully completing emergency cardiac care training from a program that satisfies the requirements of [R 338.1355](#) within 3 years before relicensure and holding an unexpired emergency cardiac care certification.
  - Photocopy of document showing certification in emergency cardiac care training as outlined above
  - Photocopy of document showing current unexpired emergency cardiac care certification.
- Continuing Education (CE) Requirement: During the 3 years preceding the application for relicensure, successful completion of 75 continuing education contact hours that are approved by the board are required.
- Verification/certification of license to be submitted directly to this office by the licensing agency of any state or territory of the United States in which you hold or have ever held a license as an athletic trainer. Verification includes, but is not limited to, showing proof of any disciplinary action taken or pending disciplinary action imposed.
- Verification of national licensure, registration, certification, or other athletic training professional endorsement recognized by the BOC. Verification shall include the record of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the applicant.

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**Applicants for an athletic trainer license by relicensure whose license has been lapsed 3 years or MORE must complete the above in additional to:**

- Criminal Background Check – Once the application is completed and submitted you will be emailed an Application Confirmation letter containing instructions to complete the Criminal Background Check.

### RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

- Online Application for Athletic Trainer Renewal – Can be completed by visiting [www.michigan.gov/miplus](http://www.michigan.gov/miplus).

- Renewal Application Fee: \$324.45 (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, or Discover credit or debit card)

- Renewal Cycle: 3 years

- Good Moral Character Questions - Documentation and explanation will be required if you answer “yes” to either question to show at the current time you have the ability to, and are likely to, serve the public in a fair, honest and open manner, that you are rehabilitated, or that the substance of the former offense is not reasonably related to the occupation or profession for which you are seeking license renewal.

- Disciplinary Question - Documentation will be required if you answer “yes” to having sanctions imposed against you by a similar licensure, registration, certification, or disciplinary board of another state or country you have not previously reported to the department.

- Human Trafficking – Beginning in 2019, and all renewals thereafter, licensees seeking renewal must have completed training in identifying victims of human trafficking that meets the standards in Administrative Rule 338.1303 prior to renewing their license. The training must only be completed one time.

- Implicit Bias Training - For initial renewals completed after June 1, 2021, completion of one hour of implicit bias training is required for each year of licensure since June 1, 2021. If renewing prior to June 1, 2022, implicit bias training is not required for that renewal. Once the initial renewal is completed, then 1 hour of implicit bias training will be required for each year of the current license cycle going forward. Please note, this is not a one-time training and must be completed for each renewal cycle prior to the renewal being completed.

- Accept Renewal Attestation - By accepting the renewal attestation you as the licensee are certifying that you have met the emergency cardiac care training and the continuing education requirements during the 3-year period immediately preceding the application for renewal:

Continuing Education (CE) Requirement:

- During the 3 years preceding the application for renewal, successful completion of 75 hours of continuing education that are approved by the board.
- Minimum of 3 hours of continuing education earned in the area of pain and symptom management.

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### Emergency Cardiac Care Training Requirement:

- Within the 3-year renewal cycle, have completed emergency cardiac care training from a program that satisfies the requirements of [R 338.1355](#) and hold an unexpired emergency cardiac care certification.

## HELPFUL RESOURCES AND FORMS

- Track continuing education using CE Broker - The Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL) has partnered with CE Broker to help licensed professionals keep track of their continuing education (CE) credits. Additional information can be found on our [website](#)
- By visiting [www.michigan.gov/healthlicense](http://www.michigan.gov/healthlicense) and clicking on the Athletic Trainer link you can access the following helpful resources and forms:

### Resources:

- Public Health Code
- Administrative Rules for Athletic Trainers