Acupuncture Profession – Frequently Asked Questions
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Public Act 140 of 2019 changes the profession of Acupuncture from a registration to requiring a license. Currently, we are no longer accepting applications for Acupuncture Registration. We are currently developing rules related to Acupuncture License.

1. Why can I no longer apply to be a Registered Acupuncturist?
   Last year the Michigan Legislature passed, and the Governor signed into law Michigan Public Act 140 of 2019. The new law requires the licensure of acupuncturists as opposed to the previously required registration. The new law was effective on March 4, 2020 and removed all previous requirements for registration and replaced it with requirements to be licensed.

2. When will I be able to apply for an Acupuncture license?
   The new law allows the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), in conjunction with the Michigan Board of Acupuncture, one year to develop rules setting the minimum standards for licensure. Once these rules are finalized individuals will be able to apply for a license.

3. If I am currently a Registered Acupuncturist will I automatically get a license?
   The new law provides that those who are Registered Acupuncturist as of March 4, 2020 automatically qualify for licensure when the new license becomes available. These individuals will have 36 months after the new rules go into effect to apply for and obtain a license to continue to use the title “acupuncturist”, “registered acupuncturist” or “certified acupuncturist” and engage in the practice of acupuncture.

4. What if my Acupuncture registration expires before you begin issuing licenses?
   If you are currently a Registered Acupuncturist you do not need to renew your registration before applying for a license once they become available.

5. What if I wasn’t registered and want to practice Acupuncture before licensure is available?
   After the effective date of the new law (March 4, 2020) the Department will no longer be able to issue Acupuncture Registrations. Individuals will have to wait until the new license is available to apply.