

MICHIGAN LIMITED ACUPUNCTURIST LICENSING GUIDE

OVERVIEW:

The limited acupuncturist license type allows a licensee to engage in the practice of acupuncture under the supervision of a physician.

NOTE: The content contained below is a general overview of licensing requirements. Links to access the Occupational Code and Administrative Rules for this profession can be found at the end of this guide.

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RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

- Online Application for a Limited Acupuncturist License Renewal – Must be completed by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus no sooner than 90 days prior to the expiration date of current license.
- Limited Acupuncturist License Renewal Application Fee: \$408.00 (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover credit or debit card)
- Renewal Cycle: 2 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 Training – Licensees seeking renewal must certify on their renewal application that prior to renewing their license they have completed a one-time training in identifying victims of human trafficking that meets the standards in Administrative Rule 338.13002.
- Implicit Bias Training – Licensees and registrants are required to complete 1 hour of implicit bias training for each year of their license or registration cycle. Please note, this is not a one-time training and must be completed for each renewal cycle prior to the renewal being completed.

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- Certification of Acupuncture Supervisory Responsibilities Form - Have the Certification of Acupuncture Supervisory Responsibilities form completed by your supervising physician. The form can be emailed to bpldata@michigan.gov or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.
- Verification of Active Michigan Health Professional License – You must hold a license to engage in another health profession as defined in section 16105(2) of the code, MCL 333.16105, at the time of your application and as a condition of renewal of your Limited Acupuncturist license.
- Accept Renewal Attestation - By accepting the renewal attestation you as the licensee are certifying that you have met the following continuing education requirements during the renewal period and all information provided on your renewal application is true and correct:
 - 30 hours of continuing education in courses or programs approved by the board, of which a minimum 5 hours of the required 30 hours must be earned in the area of pain and symptom management. The board approves for continuing education a course or activity approved by the NCBAHM as a professional development activity (PDA). One PDA credit equals 1 hour of continuing education credit.

HELPFUL RESOURCES AND FORMS

- By visiting www.michigan.gov/healthlicense and clicking on the Acupuncture link you can access the following helpful resources and forms:
 - Resources:
 - [Public Health Code](#)
 - [Administrative Rules for Acupuncture](#)
 - Forms:
 - [Certification of Acupuncture Supervisory Responsibilities Form](#)
- 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](#).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. When did Limited Acupuncturist Licensure begin in the State of Michigan?

Public Act 140 of 2019 changed the profession of Acupuncture from a registration to requiring a license. Acupuncture rules for licensure were promulgated on April 1, 2021 and until 3/31/2024 individuals were able to apply for a Limited Acupuncturist License.

2. How long are Limited Acupuncturist licenses valid? Can I renew my licensure early? How will I know when I need to renew?

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Your initial Limited Acupuncturist license is valid for 2 years. All subsequent renewals will also be valid for 2 years.

Renewal begins 90 days prior to the expiration date of your current license.

Renewal notifications are mailed and emailed to the mailing and email addresses on record 90 days prior to the expiration date of the license. Remember to notify the Department in writing of any address change by submitting a MiPLUS modification. It is a licensee's responsibility to renew his or her license on time. Failure to receive the renewal notification, or to notify the Department of an address change, does not exempt a licensee from renewing their license on time.

You can renew online by logging into your MiPLUS account at www.michigan.gov/miplus. You may pay your renewal fee by using a debit or credit card containing a Discover, MasterCard, Visa, or American Express logo.

3. How do I verify my Michigan license?

Certified license verification requests must be obtained online. You must submit your request via the MiPLUS system. There is a \$15.00 fee for certification processing for each address you list. Licenses may also be verified online on the Bureau's License Verification website free of charge. You may need to confirm with the recipient if verifying a license on this website is acceptable or if a certified license verification is needed.

4. My license was lost/stolen/destroyed, how do I get a new one?

You may request a duplicate license online at www.michigan.gov/miplus. In order to request a hard copy of your license you will need to log in to your MiPLUS account and pay a \$10.00 fee.

5. How do I file a complaint against a health care professional?

Information on how to [File an Allegation Against a Health Care Licensee](#) can be located on the Bureau of Professional Licensing's website at www.michigan.gov/bpl.