

MICHIGAN CHIROPRACTOR LICENSING GUIDE

OVERVIEW:

The chiropractor license type allows a licensee to engage in the practice of chiropractic care.

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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LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

APPLICATION AND FEES

- Online Application for a Michigan Chiropractic License - Complete all fields, answer all questions, and upload any supporting documentation.
- Online applications can be completed by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus
- Application Fee + 2 year license fee: (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, or Discover credit or debit card)

Chiropractor by Exam or Reciprocity: \$237.10

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO ALL APPLICANTS

- Criminal Background Check – Once the online 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).

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- Good Moral Character Questions – Documentation 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.
- 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 be uploaded at the time the application is submitted.
- Verification of Licensure – Verification of licensure must be sent 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 or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.
- Human Trafficking – Individuals seeking licensure must have completed training in identifying victims of human trafficking that meets the standards in Administrative Rule 338.12031 prior to being issued a license. The training must only be completed one time.
- Implicit Bias Training – Individuals seeking licensure must have completed a minimum of 2 hours of implicit bias training within the 5 years immediately preceding issuance of the license as established by the department in R 338.7004 of the Public Health Code – General Rules.
- 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.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION **(These are in addition to the requirements stated above that apply to ALL applicants)**

- Official final transcripts confirming having received a degree in chiropractic submitted directly to this office from a chiropractic educational program accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education.
- Certification of your examination scores submitted directly to this office from the examination agency. Contact the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) to have the results of Parts I, II, III and IV of the national board examination sent directly to this office. Contact the NBCE at www.nbce.org.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT **(These are in addition to the requirements stated above that apply to All applicants)**

Applicants for licensure by endorsement who have been licensed in another state of the United States for less than 5 years immediately preceding the date of application must submit the following:

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- Certification of either of the following examination scores submitted directly to this office from the examination agency:
 - Contact the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) to have the results of Parts I, II, III and IV of the national board examination sent directly to this office. Contact the NBCE at www.nbce.org.

Applicants for licensure by endorsement who have been licensed in another state of the United States for not less than 5 years immediately preceding the date of application must submit the following:

- Verification of Licensure – Verification of licensure must be sent 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 or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT FOR THOSE LICENSED
IN A PROVINCE OF CANADA**
(These are in addition to the requirements stated above that apply to All applicants)

Applicants for licensure by endorsement who have been licensed in a province of Canada for less than 5 years immediately preceding the date of application must submit the following:

- Verification of the completion of the educational requirements for a chiropractic license in a province of Canada or another state to obtain licensure as a chiropractor in a province of Canada or another state. Verification can be emailed to bpldata@michigan.gov or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing at PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.
- Certification of either of the following examination scores submitted directly to this office from the examination agency:
 - Contact the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) to have the results of Parts I, II, III and IV of the national board examination sent directly to this office. Contact the NBCE at www.nbce.org.
 - Contact the Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board (CCEB) to have the results of Component A, Component B, and Component C of the examination sent directly to this office. Contact the CCEB at <https://cceb.ca/>.

Applicants for licensure by endorsement who have been licensed in a province of Canada for not less than 5 years immediately preceding the date of application must submit the following:

- Verification of Licensure – Verification of licensure must be sent 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 or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE APPLYING FOR RELICENSURE (These are in addition to the requirements stated above that apply to All applicants)

- Online application can be completed by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus, select **MiPLUS Login**, select **“Modification”** next to your license number and then select **“Relicensure.”**
- 2 year Chiropractor Relicensure Application and Fee: \$257.10 (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover credit or debit card)

Applicants for relicensure whose license has lapsed for less than 3 years preceding the date of application must complete the following:

- Submit proof of completing 45 hours of board-approved continuing education within the three years immediately preceding the date of this application. At least 1 hour in pain and symptom management; 1 hour in sexual boundaries; 1 hour of ethics; 2 hours in physical measures; and 2 hours in the area of performing and ordering tests. Not more than 15 continuing education hours may be in board-approved distance learning programs.
- Verification of Licensure – Verification of licensure must be sent 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 or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

Applicants for relicensure whose license has lapsed for 3 years or more preceding the date of application must complete the following:

- Satisfy either of the following:
 - Submit proof of completing 45 hours of board-approved continuing education within the three years immediately preceding the date of this application which includes the following: 24 live, in-person, board-approved continuing education hours on chiropractic adjusting techniques. At least 1 hour in pain and symptom management; 1 hour in sexual boundaries; 1 hour of ethics; 2 hours in physical measures; and 2 hours in the area of performing and ordering tests. Not more than 15 continuing education hours may be in board-approved distance learning programs.

OR

- Submit verification that you have held a valid and unrestricted license to practice chiropractic in another state or a province of Canada in the 3-year period immediately preceding the application for relicensure.
- Verification of Licensure – Verification of licensure must be sent 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 or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

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RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

- Online Application for a Chiropractor Renewal – Must be completed by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus no sooner than 90 days prior to the expiration date of current license.
- Chiropractor Renewal Application Fee: \$205.50 (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover credit or debit card)
- Renewal Cycle: 2 years
- Good Moral Character Questions – Documentation 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 338.12031 prior to renewing their license. The training must only be completed one time.
- 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.
- Accept Renewal Attestation – By accepting the renewal attestation you as the licensee are certifying that you have met all of the Chiropractor License renewal requirements and all information provided on your renewal application is true and correct.
- 30 hours of continuing education as outlined in Rule 338.12041 approved by the board earned as follows:
 - No more than 12 hours can be earned during one 24-hour period.
 - A minimum of 1 continuing education hours must be earned in pain and symptom management.
 - At least 1 hour of continuing education must be in the area of sexual boundaries.
 - At least 1 hour of continuing education must be in the area of ethics.
 - At least 2 hours of continuing education must be in the area of physical measure and must be completed by attending a live, in person program.
 - At least 2 hours of continuing education shall be in the area of performing and ordering tests and must be completed by attending a live, in-person program.
 - At least 15 hours of continuing education must be completed by attending live, in-person programs

HELPFUL RESOURCES AND FORMS

- By visiting www.michigan.gov/healthlicense and clicking on the chiropractic link you can access the following helpful resources and forms:

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Resources:

- [Michigan Public Health Code](#)
- [Chiropractic Administrative Rules](#)

- 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. How can I contact the Board of Chiropractic, Licensing Division?

Email (Questions): BPLHelp@michigan.gov

Email (Submit Documents): BPLData@michigan.gov

Phone: (517) 241-0199

Mailing Address: Bureau of Professional Licensing
Board of Chiropractic
PO Box 30670
Lansing, MI 48909

2. How do I verify my Michigan Chiropractor license?

Certified license verification requests must be obtained from the Michigan Board of Chiropractic. You must submit your request via the MiPLUS system at www.michigan.gov/miplus. There is a \$15.00 fee for certification processing for each address you list. Please note, if you submit both a USPS mailing address and an email address for the same recipient, you will be charged \$30.00 since you have requested your certification to go to two different addresses. Normal processing time for verifications being sent by email is the same day, verifications being mailed are sent the next business day.

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.

3. How will I know when I need to renew? Can I renew my license early?

You will be sent a renewal notification to both your mailing and email address on record approximately 90 days prior to the expiration date of your license. You will not be able to renew before that time. Remember to notify the Department of any address change by submitting a MiPLUS modification. It is your responsibility as a licensed health professional to renew your license on time. **Failure to receive the renewal postcard, email notification, or to notify the Department of an address change does not exempt you from renewing your license on time.**

4. How change I change my name and address?

Name and address changes must be completed through your MiPLUS account by submitting a modification. You are required to upload supporting documentation such as a driver's license, marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court order for all name changes.

5. Is there a grace period for my renewal?

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Yes, there is a 60-day grace period in which you may renew your license without having to go through the relicensure process. However, if you renew during the 60-day grace period, there is an additional \$20.00 late fee for each license type when you renew your license(s).

6. What happens if my license expires?

If your license is not renewed within the 60-day grace period after your expiration date, your license will lapse. The expiration date will reflect the original expiration date – it will not include the grace period. For example: If your license expires January 31, you have until April 1 to pay your renewal fee. If you do not renew by April 1, the end of the 60-day grace period, your license is considered lapsed as of January 31.

When your license lapses, you can no longer practice your profession, nor can you identify yourself as a licensed individual.

It is your responsibility to make sure your license is current and valid. We send renewal information to the last address on record 90 days prior to the expiration date of the license. If we have incorrect contact information and you do not receive the renewal reminder, you are still responsible for making sure your license has been renewed timely.

7. How long will you keep my licensure application on file?

Your application and fee are valid for two years. If you fail to meet the licensure requirements within that time period, your application and fees are no longer valid.

8. How long does it take to process my application for licensure? Once processed, how long before I receive my license?

Applications are reviewed in the order by date received. Processing time typically varies from 4 to 6 weeks from the date your application is received. Once all the required information is submitted and accepted your license will be issued. If all licensure requirements are not met upon application review, you will receive an email requesting any outstanding items needed to complete your application. Once you are approved for licensure, it takes approximately 7 to 10 business days to receive the license by mail, if requested. Immediately upon license issuance a PDF of the license will also be sent to the email address provided on the application.

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

Visit the Bureau of Professional Licensing's website at www.michigan.gov/bpl for information on how to [File a Complaint Against a Health Care Licensee](#).