

Bureau of Professional Licensing Sanitarian FAQs

1. How long are Sanitarian registrations valid? Can I renew my registration early? How will I know when I need to renew?

Your initial Sanitarian registration is registration 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 license.

You cannot renew your registration early. We will mail and email your renewal registration 90 days before the expiration date of your current registration. Remember to notify the Department in writing of any recent address changes. It is your responsibility to renew your registration on time. Failure to notify us of an address change does not exempt you from renewing your registration on time. You can renew online 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.

2. Do I need to complete continuing education?

The law for Sanitarians does not require continuing education for renewal. You are responsible for maintaining your competence in your profession, but you do not have to demonstrate the ways you are doing that for renewal.

3. When do I have to meet the requirements for the completion of training in identifying victims of human trafficking?

Rule 338.3901 requires licensees to complete one time training in identifying victims of human trafficking beginning with the 2016 reregistration cycle.

Beginning 3/17/2021, individuals seeking initial registration must have completed human trafficking training prior to obtaining a registration as a Sanitarian.

4. How can I meet the requirements for the completion of training in identifying victims of human trafficking?

The one-time human trafficking training may be done through: a teleconference or a webinar, online presentation, live presentation, or printed or electronic media.

The training must cover all of the following: understanding the types and venues of human trafficking in MI or the US; identifying victims of human trafficking in health care settings; identifying the warnings signs of human trafficking in health care settings for adults and minors; and the resources for reporting suspected victims of human trafficking.

The training may be offered through a nationally recognized or state recognized, health related organization, by or in conjunction with a state or federal agency, an approved training program college, or university, or by reading a relevant article in a peer review journal, health care journal or scientific journal. If audited, licensees are to have an appropriate certificate or self-certify.

5. There have been changes to the Public Health Code and Administrative Rules that require licensees and individuals seeking licensure to complete implicit bias training. When does this take effect?

Beginning June 1, 2022, completion of 2 hours of implicit bias training within the 5 years immediately preceding issuance of the license or registration is required.

For initial renewals completed after June 1, 2022, completion of one hour of implicit bias training is required for each year of licensure since June 1, 2021. 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 training must be completed for each renewal cycle prior to the renewal being completed.**

The Board conducts a random audit after each renewal period. At that time, a percentage of all licensees renewing will be randomly selected and notified by mail that they must submit evidence of having obtained their implicit bias training. If you are selected in an audit, then you will be required to submit a copy of your implicit bias training documentation. **(Please retain your original.)**

6. 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.

7. Where can I find a copy of the administrative rules pertaining to Sanitarians?

You may view the [Administrative Rules](#) and other resources on the Bureau of Professional Licensing's website at www.michigan.gov/bplrules.