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Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic  
Development

## DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

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# REGULATION OF ACUPUNCTURISTS

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The Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing staffs the acupuncture program. The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development adopts regulations to carry out laws governing the practice of acupuncture in Alaska. It makes final licensing decisions and takes disciplinary actions against people who violate licensing laws.

Acupuncturists who practice independently must obtain an [Alaska Business License](#).

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## License Applications

- [INITIAL Acupuncture License Application](#)  
#08-4110, Revised 08/24/16. Must have passed the NCCAOM examination and have either graduated from an accredited U.S. school of acupuncture, or hold a license in another jurisdiction.
- [RENEWAL Acupuncture License Application](#)  
#08-4049, Revised 08/10/16. The NCCAOM segregates continuing education into two categories: "Competency Maintenance" and "Professional Development Activities". The State of Alaska only recognizes continuing education that falls under "Competency Maintenance" points for license renewal. Please view [NCCAOM Recertification Information](#) that outlines the difference in activities. If you have any questions, please contact NCCAOM for continuing education verification.

Please note the requirements for the acceptance of continuing education covered in our statutes and regulations. The division will only accept complete certificates.

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## Miscellaneous Forms

- [Request for License Verification](#)
  - [Name and/or Address Change, or Duplicate License](#)
  - [Request for Exception from SSN Requirements](#)
  - [Order a Wall Certificate](#)
  - [Credit Card Payment Form](#)
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## Disciplinary Actions

The Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing has developed the list below of any types of license action against any licensed or unlicensed acupuncturist in Alaska. Accusations and pending investigations are not included. The list does not necessarily reflect the current status of any probation or license actions, please contact the division for additional information on any particular license action.

- [View Current List of Disciplinary Actions](#)

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## Statutes and Regulations

Alaska Statutes are passed by the legislature. Regulations (also called the Alaska Administrative Code) are rules adopted by the department to implement, interpret, and make specific the statutes. Both statutes and regulations have the force of law.

AS 08.06 and regulations 12 AAC 05 specifically apply to acupuncturists. AS 08.01 - 08.03 and regulations 12 AAC 02 apply to all professions regulated by the division.

Proposed regulations are advertised in Alaska newspapers and we invite public comment on them. If you would like to receive notice of proposed regulations, please write to the regulations specialist and request that your name be added to the Acupuncturists interested parties list. Please advise us if you move or wish your name removed from the mailing list.

- [Acupuncture Statutes and Regulations](#)  
AS 08.06 and 12 AAC 05
- [Centralized Licensing Statutes](#)  
AS 08.01-08.03. Applies to all professions.
- [Centralized Licensing Regulations](#)  
12 AAC 02. Fees, name and address changes, examinations review, general provisions.  
Applies to all professions.



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### Acupuncture Program

State Office Building, 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9th Floor

PO Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806

Phone: (907) 465-2550 • Fax: (907) 465-2974

Email: [license@alaska.gov](mailto:license@alaska.gov)

Website: [ProfessionalLicense.Alaska.Gov/Acupuncturists](http://ProfessionalLicense.Alaska.Gov/Acupuncturists)

## Acupuncture License Application

*A person may not practice acupuncture without a license.*

— AS 08.06.010

### Qualifications for licensure by either education, licensure in another jurisdiction, or courtesy.

#### Licensure by EDUCATION

The following documents and fees must be on file with the Division before the application will be reviewed:

#### 1. APPLICATION:

Completed, signed, and notarized. The applicant must be at least 21 years of age as shown on the notarized application. An applicant with a "Yes" answer to one or more professional fitness questions must submit a separate written, signed and dated explanation and provide copies of any supporting documents.

#### 2. FEES:

Nonrefundable application fee: \$200

Acupuncturist license fee: \$225

Payable by the attached credit card form, or a check or money order made payable to the State of Alaska.

#### 3. EDUCATION:

An official transcript from a school or college of acupuncture accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACCAOM).

#### 4. NCCAOM DIPLOMATE:

A certified true copy of the NCCAOM Diplomate certificate or an original verification of diplomate qualification sent directly from the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine:

NCCAOM

11 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 300

Alexandria, VA 22314

[www.nccaom.org](http://www.nccaom.org)

#### 5. MORAL CHARACTER FORMS:

Two original forms (attached) each signed and notarized, attesting to your character.

#### 6. RELEASE:

Completed Authorization for Release of Records form (attached).

### Licensure based on LICENSURE IN ANOTHER STATE

The following documents and fees must be on file with the Division before the application will be reviewed:

**1. APPLICATION:**

Completed, signed, and notarized. The applicant must be at least 21 years of age as shown on the notarized application. An applicant with a "Yes" answer to one or more professional fitness questions must submit a separate written, signed and dated explanation and provide copies of any supporting documents.

**2. FEES:**

Nonrefundable application fee: \$200

Acupuncturist license fee: \$225

Payable by the attached credit card form, or a check or money order made payable to the State of Alaska.

**3. LICENSE VERIFICATION:**

Verification of licensure form (attached) from each state, territory, or country in which the applicant holds, or has held, a license to practice acupuncture. Make additional copies as necessary.

**4. NCCAOM DIPLOMATE:**

A certified true copy of the NCCAOM Diplomate certificate or an original verification of diplomate qualification sent directly from the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine:

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11 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 300  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
[www.nccaom.org](http://www.nccaom.org)

**5. MORAL CHARACTER FORMS:**

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**6. RELEASE:**

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### COURTESY License

The Department will issue a courtesy license to an applicant for the recognized limited purposes of:

- provision of professional services in an emergency situation specifically recognized by the department, or;
- instruction or provision of professional services at a clinic or seminar focused on a subject in which the applicant is a specialist.

The applicant must submit a completed application; \$50 application fee and \$100 courtesy license fee; verification of a current license in the profession in another licensing jurisdiction that confirms the license is active, in good standing, and covers the scope of practice required for the limited purpose as stated; a description of the limited purpose of the courtesy license and the applicant's intended scope of practice under it; a notarized statement that the applicant is not a resident of Alaska; and a second notarized statement that the applicant has not previously been denied a license or had a license revoked for the profession in this or another licensing jurisdiction.

A courtesy license does not authorize the holder to practice the profession outside the scope of the limited purpose for which the courtesy license is issued and the license is valid for no more than 90 consecutive days.

The Division will not issue more than two courtesy licenses for the profession to an individual within a consecutive 18-month period.



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## General Instructions

- This application must be completed in full. If a question does not apply, write N/A in the space provided. Please print or type.
- Appropriate fees must accompany applications before initial screening can begin. All fees may be paid with check or money order, made payable to the State of Alaska, or credit card. To pay by credit card, use the Credit Card Payment form, found on the Division's website at: [ProfessionalLicense.Alaska.Gov](http://ProfessionalLicense.Alaska.Gov)
- Legal Name Change: If any of the required documents (i.e., transcripts, verifications of licensure, etc.) will be issued under a former name, submit marriage license, divorce dissolution and/or court documents that are notarized as a "certified true copy of the original document."
- Average processing time is four to six weeks.
- Do not fax or email your application to the Division.
- An incomplete application or any unusual circumstances noted in the application may require additional processing time.
- While we understand your desire to conclude this process as quickly as possible, our licensing staff is responsible for reviewing many files and cannot complete the application process if required documents are missing. It is your responsibility to ensure those documents are submitted to our office.
- The application review process is defined by the requirements set forth in state law. The Division must comply with those laws in processing applications.
- The Division conducts a thorough evaluation of education, training, employment or work history, malpractice history and any criminal or disciplinary history. We recommend you do not make commitments for loans, practice start dates, home purchases, etc., based on the expectation of licensure. The Division will not accelerate one application over others nor will it forego any elements of its screening process.
- If you received this application from a source other than directly from the Division or its official website, the application may be outdated or not an official version. To ensure you have the official version, download the applications from the Division's acupuncturist website. Applications will be rejected if not the current version.

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**IT IS ILLEGAL TO PRACTICE ACUPUNCTURE IN ALASKA WITHOUT A VALID  
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