



State of Arizona Board of Chiropractic Examiners

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About Practice in Arizona

The Arizona Board of Chiropractic Examiners welcomes your interest in applying for licensure in the State of Arizona. The Board currently licenses approximately 2650 chiropractic physicians. In 2010, the ratio of chiropractic licenses to population was 1 / 2710 (FCLB).

In Arizona, a chiropractic license allows you to adjust both the spine and extremities. You may take or order x-rays and diagnostic imaging. You may also perform clinical laboratory procedures that are limited to urine collection, finger prick or venipuncture in order to determine the propriety of a regimen of chiropractic care or to form a basis for patient referral to other licensed health care professionals, or both. You **cannot** practice obstetrics or perform surgery. You **cannot** prescribe or administer medication or drugs.

An Arizona chiropractic license does **not** allow you to do physical medicine modalities and therapeutic procedures or acupuncture. These are considered specialty certifications and you must apply for and meet separate requirements for certification in these areas before you can use them.

Please read this flier carefully before you request an application packet and begin the licensing process, as the Board cannot refund fees, even if you are not eligible for licensure. To obtain an application packet, use the order form on the last page of this flier. Be sure to include a check or money order for \$10 (US funds) per packet. Each application packet includes a law book and all licensing and certification forms.

How long does it take to get an Arizona license?

Arizona Administrative Code R4-7-502 requires the Board to approve or deny a license application within 120 business days of receiving a complete application package. However, it generally takes two to three months.

What does it cost to be licensed in Arizona?

It depends on whether you are applying for licensure or licensure with specialty certifications. There are application and issuance fees for both licensure and certification. The fees are listed below.

1.	License Application & Fingerprint Fee:	\$272.00
2.	Physical Medicine Modalities & Therapeutic Procedures App. Fee:	\$100.00
3.	Acupuncture Application Fee:	\$100.00
4.	License Issuance Fee:	\$100.00
5.	Physical Medicine Modalities & Therapeutic Procedures Certification Fee:	\$100.00
6.	Acupuncture Certification Fee:	\$100.00

The application fees, submitted with the application for licensure and/or certification, are not refundable, even if you do not qualify for licensure or certification. The issuance and/or certification fee is submitted after the Board has approved your application. You **cannot** prepay the license issuance and/or certification fees.

Licensure Requirements

There are two methods by which you may become licensed in Arizona - examination or reciprocity. You must meet **all** of the requirements in the method that fits your situation. The Board cannot waive any of the requirements.

Licensure by Examination

1. Graduation from an accredited chiropractic college.
2. Certificate of attainment or Diplomat on NBCE Parts I and II.
3. A score of 375 or better on NBCE Parts III and IV.
4. A demonstration of good character and reputation. Disciplinary action, felony convictions, or misdemeanor convictions involving moral turpitude may delay the licensing process or result in license denial.
5. A complete Arizona application including final college transcript, NBCE scores and license verification.
6. All license and certification application fees.
7. Passing the Arizona jurisprudence exam with a score of 75% or better.

You must have a complete application one month prior to the jurisprudence examination. Deadlines and examination dates are provided with the application packet.

Licensure by Reciprocity

Arizona has reciprocity with four states: Colorado, Louisiana, Missouri, and New York. To be eligible for reciprocity, your license must be ACTIVE in the reciprocity state, you must have passed the licensing exam in the reciprocity state and practiced continuously for three (3) of the last five (5) years.

You must have NBCE Parts I - III *or* NBCE Parts I – II and SPEC, regardless of when you graduated or how long you have practiced. Arizona does not have a grandfather clause and cannot waive any of the requirements. You will also have to take the Arizona jurisprudence exam.

Requirements

1. Graduation from an accredited chiropractic college
2. Certificate of Attainment of Diplomat on NBCE Part I and II
3. A score of 375 or better on NBCE Part III or SPEC.
4. Demonstration of good character and reputation. Disciplinary action or a felony / misdemeanor conviction involving moral turpitude may delay the licensing process or result in application denial.)
5. A complete Arizona application, including final college transcript, NBCE scores and license verification.
6. All license and certification application fees.
7. Verification of continuous practice for 3 of the past 5 years.
8. No previous failing score on the Arizona Licensing exam.
9. Passing the Arizona jurisprudence exam with a score of 75% or better.
10. Your license must be active in the state from which you are applying.

You must have a complete application one month prior to the jurisprudence examination. Deadlines and examination dates are provided with the application packet.

Physical Medicine Modalities and Therapeutic Procedures Certification

1. Have an Arizona chiropractic license, or apply for the certificate concurrent with the license.
2. Complete 120 hours of study in physical medicine modalities and therapeutic procedures at an accredited chiropractic college or postgraduate study with an instructor on the active or postgraduate staff of an accredited chiropractic college.
3. NBCE physiotherapy exam score of 375 or better
4. Complete the application for certification.
5. Pay the application fee of \$100.00.
6. Receive Board approval of eligibility for certification.
7. Pay the certification issuance fee of \$100.00.

The Board accepts applications from licensed chiropractors for physical medicine modalities and therapeutic procedures certification at any time. After all documentation is received, your application will be placed on the next available Board agenda for their review.

Acupuncture certification

1. Have an Arizona chiropractic license or apply for the certificate concurrent with the license.
2. Complete 100 hours of study in acupuncture at an accredited chiropractic college or postgraduate study with an instructor on the active or postgraduate staff of an accredited chiropractic college.
3. Complete the application for certification.
4. Pay the application fee of \$100.
5. NBCE acupuncture exam score of 375 or better.
6. Receive Board approval of eligibility for certification.
7. Pay the certification issuance fee of \$100.00.

The Board accepts applications from licensed chiropractors for acupuncture certification at any time. After all documentation is received, your application will be placed on the next available Board agenda for their review.

Tear off and Return

PLEASE SEND ME:

- Application for Licensure by Examination (\$10.00 each, includes jurisprudence book)
- Application for Licensure by Reciprocity (\$10.00 each, includes jurisprudence book)

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