

SUBTITLE 3. LICENSING

1A-301.

(A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE BOARD BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL MAY PRACTICE ACUPUNCTURE IN THIS STATE.

(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

(1) AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS AN ACUPUNCTURIST WHILE PRACTICING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT EMPLOYMENT; OR

(2) A STUDENT, TRAINEE, OR VISITING TEACHER WHO IS DESIGNATED AS A STUDENT, TRAINEE, OR VISITING TEACHER WHILE PARTICIPATING IN A COURSE OF STUDY OR TRAINING UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED ACUPUNCTURIST IN A PROGRAM THAT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OR THE STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

1A-302.

(A) TO QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE, AN APPLICANT SHALL BE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(B) THE APPLICANT SHALL:

(1) BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER;

(2) BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD;

(3) DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCE IN PERFORMING ACUPUNCTURE BY MEETING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, OR DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE:

(I) GRADUATION FROM A COURSE OF TRAINING OF AT LEAST 1,800 HOURS, INCLUDING 300 CLINICAL HOURS, THAT IS:

1. APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION;

2. APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE; OR

3. FOUND BY THE BOARD TO BE EQUIVALENT TO A COURSE APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE;

(II) ACHIEVEMENT OF A PASSING SCORE OF AT LEAST 65 PERCENT ON AN EXAMINATION THAT IS:

1. GIVEN BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF ACUPUNCTURISTS; OR