



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4762.03 Application for license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist.

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(A) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, an individual seeking a license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or license to practice as an acupuncturist shall file with the state medical board a written application on a form prescribed and supplied by the board.

(B) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, to be eligible for the license, an applicant shall meet all of the following conditions, as applicable:

(1) The applicant shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is at least eighteen years of age.

(2) In the case of an applicant seeking a license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner, the applicant shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board of both of the following:

(a) That the applicant holds a current and active designation from the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine as either a diplomate in oriental medicine or diplomate of acupuncture and Chinese herbology;

(b) That the applicant has successfully completed, in the two-year period immediately preceding application for the license to practice, one course approved by the commission on federal food and drug administration dispensary and compounding guidelines and procedures.

(3) In the case of an applicant seeking a license to practice as an acupuncturist, the applicant shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant holds a current and active designation from the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine as a diplomate in acupuncture.

(4) The applicant shall demonstrate to the board proficiency in spoken English by satisfying one of



the following requirements:

- (a) Passing the examination described in section 4731.142 of the Revised Code;
- (b) Submitting evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant was required to demonstrate proficiency in spoken English as a condition of obtaining designation from the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine as a diplomate in oriental medicine, diplomate of acupuncture and Chinese herbology, or diplomate in acupuncture;
- (c) Submitting evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant, in seeking a designation from the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine as a diplomate of oriental medicine, diplomate of acupuncture and Chinese herbology, or diplomate of acupuncture, has successfully completed in English the examination required for such a designation by the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine;
- (d) In the case of an applicant seeking a license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner, submitting evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has previously held a license to practice as an acupuncturist issued under section 4762.04 of the Revised Code.
- (5) The applicant shall submit to the board any other information the board requires.
- (6) The applicant shall pay to the board a fee of one hundred dollars, no part of which may be returned to the applicant.
- (C) The board shall review all applications received under this section. The board shall determine whether an applicant meets the requirements to receive a license not later than sixty days after receiving a complete application.
- (D) The board shall issue a license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:
 - (1) The applicant holds a license in another state.



(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as an oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist in a state that does not issue that license.