



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4723-24-05 Doula certification by endorsement.

Effective: September 30, 2024

(A) An applicant for doula certification by endorsement shall satisfy the following:

(1) Submit a completed "Certified Doula by Endorsement Application" and the certification application fee required by section 4723.89 of the Revised Code and Rule 4723-24-02, of the Administrative Code and Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code;

(2) Submit to a criminal records check completed by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation;

(3) The applicant has not surrendered or had revoked a license, out-of-state occupational license, or government certification because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to the applicant's practice as a doula;

(4) The applicant has not been convicted of, found guilty pursuant to a judicial finding of, or plead guilty to a criminal offense for which a licensing authority may deny an application for a license or government certification or that would otherwise disqualify the applicant for the license or government certification under the applicable law of this state governing the profession, occupation, or occupational activity for which the applicant is applying;

(5) The applicant attests to having completed four hours of training on racial bias, health disparities, and cultural competency within one year prior to the date of the application. The training shall meet the requirements for doula continuing education as defined in rule 4723-24-01 of the Administrative Code. At the discretion of the board, the applicant may be required to show proof of completion of the education. Failure to provide proof of completion shall result in ineligibility to be issued a certificate by the board until proof of completion is provided to the board.

(6) Submit any other documentation required by the board.



(B) Pursuant to section 4796.03 of the Revised Code, the board shall issue a doula certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if the applicant holds a substantially similar out-of-state occupational license to engage in practice as a doula, or, holds a government certification to engage in practice as a doula from one of the uniformed services or from a state that does not issue a license for practice as a doula, if the applicant:

- (1) Has held the license or government certification for at least one year immediately preceding the date the application is submitted to the board;
- (2) Has been actively engaged in practice as a doula for at least one of the five years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted to the board;
- (3) Is in good standing in all jurisdictions in which the applicant holds the license or government certification; and
- (4) Was required to satisfy minimum education, training, or experience requirements or pass an examination to receive the license or government certification.

The applicant shall have verification of licensure or government certification to practice as a doula submitted directly to the board from the issuing state or uniformed services. The applicant shall also have verification of having been actively engaged in practice as a doula for at least one of the past five years submitted directly to the board by the employer or employer designee for whom the applicant practiced as a doula.

(C) Pursuant to section 4796.04 of the Revised Code, the board shall issue a doula certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant who has held a private certification as a doula in a state that does not issue an occupational license or governmental certification to practice as a doula, if the applicant:

- (1) Held the private certification for at least two years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted;
- (2) Has been actively engaged in practice as a doula in a state that does not issue an occupational



license or government certification to practice as a doula, for at least two of the five years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted; and

(3) Is in good standing with the private organization that issued the private certification; and

(4) The private certification must be current and must either be:

(a) Provided directly to the board by the doula certifying organization; or

(b) If the private certification is provided by the applicant, the applicant must provide contact information sufficient for the board to verify the certification, including but not limited to the certification organization's name, mailing address, telephone number, email address if one is available, website if one is available, and any other information necessary for the board to verify the certification.

The applicant shall also have verification of having been actively engaged in practice as a doula for at least two of the past five years, submitted directly to the board by the employer or employer designee for whom the applicant practiced as a doula.

(D) Pursuant to section 4796.05 of the Revised Code, the board shall issue a doula certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant who, for at least three of the five years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted to the board, has been actively engaged in practice as a doula, in either:

(1) A state that does not issue an occupational license or government certificate to practice as a doula, or

(2) Service of the uniformed services.

The applicant shall have verification of having been actively engaged in practice as a doula for at least three of the past five years submitted directly to the board by the employer or employer designee or the uniformed services for whom the applicant practiced as a doula. Alternatively, the applicant may attest to having provided doula services to five clients over the three years



immediately prior to the date of the application. At the board's discretion, an applicant may be required to provide date spans and a general description of the doula services provided for each of the five clients.

The applicant must have completed ten hours of education that meets the requirements of Rule 4723-24-04 for doula continuing education.

At least four of those hours must be training directly related to racial bias, health disparities, and cultural competency as required by paragraph (A). The remaining six hours should relate to the doula's practice.

The applicant's education may be demonstrated by attestation to having completed education meeting these requirements. At the discretion of the board, the applicant may be required to show proof of completion of the education. Failure to provide proof of completion shall result in ineligibility to be issued a certificate by the board until proof of completion is provided to the board.

(E) The board may propose to deny certification by endorsement pursuant to an adjudication conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(F) If an applicant for certification by endorsement as a doula fails to meet the requirements for certification within one year from the date the application is received, or the application remains incomplete for one year, the application shall be considered void and the fee forfeited. The application shall state the circumstances under which forfeiture may occur.