



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4734-10-04 Application for acupuncture certificate by reciprocity.

Effective: February 16, 2026

(A) Each applicant must submit the following:

(1) A completed application on which the applicant must designate the specific state, government certification, or private certification the applicant wishes the board to consider as the basis for acupuncture certification in this state;

(2) Non-refundable one hundred dollar application fee;

(3) Educational evidence of acupuncture training and experience;

(4) National board of chiropractic examiners transcript, if applicable;

(5) Evidence of out-of-state licensure, government certification, or private certification;

(a) For an application based upon substantially similar out-of-state licensure, evidence that the applicant has held the out-of-state license to practice acupuncture from which certification is sought for at least one year immediately preceding the date of application and has been actively engaged in the practice of acupuncture for at least one of the five years immediately preceding the date of application;

(b) For an application based upon government certification, evidence that the applicant has held the government certification to practice acupuncture from which certification is sought from one of the uniformed services or a state that does not issue an out-of-state license to practice acupuncture, for at least one year immediately preceding the date of application and has been actively engaged in the practice of acupuncture for at least one of the five years immediately preceding the date of application;

(c) For an application based upon private certification, evidence that the applicant has held a private



certification to practice acupuncture for at least two years immediately preceding the date of application and the applicant has been actively engaged in the practice of acupuncture in a state that does not issue an out-of-state license or government certification for the practice of acupuncture for at least two of the five years immediately preceding the date of application.

(B) For an application based upon adequate work experience, the applicant must meet the requirements of section 4796.05 of the Revised Code.

(C) Each individual applying for an acupuncture certificate under this rule must comply with all applicable provisions of chapter 4796 of the Revised Code.

(D) Each applicant must submit all required credentials, facts, and materials as the board requires. The applicant has an ongoing obligation to update and supplement all information provided to the board. All required documentation and transcripts shall be sent directly from each issuing institution. Applications and fees are valid for one year from the date of initial application.

(E) An individual issued an acupuncture certificate pursuant to this rule and chapter 4796 of the Revised Code is subject to the laws and rules regulating the practice of acupuncture in this state and subject to the board's jurisdiction. The individual may only practice in this state within the scope of practice permitted under Ohio law and that does not exceed the applicant's training.

(F) The board may issue an acupuncture certificate to an individual in accordance with this rule and chapter 4796 of the Revised Code provided the requirements for licensure from the authority licensure is sought are substantially equivalent to the board's requirements for licensure, as determined by the board pursuant to chapter 4796 of the Revised Code.

(G) Any refusal or denial of an application must comply with the hearing requirements of chapter 119 of the Revised Code.