



# State of Arizona Board of Chiropractic Examiners

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## About Practice in Arizona

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners welcomes your interest in applying for licensure in the State of Arizona. The Board licenses approximately 2600 chiropractic physicians. The current ratio of licenses for chiropractors to population is 1 / 1480 (from the FCLB).

In Arizona, a chiropractic license allows you to adjust both the spine and extremities. You can take or order x-rays and diagnostic imaging. You may perform clinical laboratory procedures that are limited to; urine collection, finger prick or venipuncture in order to determine the property of a regimen of chiropractic care, 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 physiotherapy or acupuncture. These are considered specialty certifications. You must apply for and meet separate requirement for certification in these areas before you can use them. If the Board has certified you in one or both of these specialties, you may only use those procedures preparatory and complementary to the patient's adjustment.

Please read this flier carefully before you request an application packet and begin the licensing process. The Board is not allowed to refund any monies if you do not qualify for a license or certification.

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 fund) 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?

It depends, R4-7-502 requires the Board to issue or deny a license within 120 business days. On average it takes three months from the date your application is complete.

### What does it cost to be licensed in Arizona?

It depends whether you are just getting the license or both the license and physiotherapy certificate. There are both application fees and licensing fees. The application fee is not refundable, even if you do not qualify. You **cannot** prepay the license issuance and or certification fee.

1. License Application & Fingerprint Fee: \$280.00 (mandatory)
2. Physiotherapy Application Fee: \$100.00 (optional for certification at same time)
3. Acupuncture Application Fee: \$100.00 (optional for certification at same time)
4. License Issuance Fee: \$100.00 (required to get license)
5. Physiotherapy Certification Fee: \$100.00 (required to get certificate)
6. Acupuncture Certification Fee: \$100.00 (required to get certificate)

### Licensure requirements

There are two methods you can become licensed in Arizona. By 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 or a felony / 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. Pass 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: New York, Colorado, Missouri and Louisiana. To be eligible for reciprocity, you must have passed the licensing exam in the reciprocity state and practiced continuously at least three (3) out of the last five (5) years.

You must have NBCE exam 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. Pass 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.

## **Physiotherapy certification**

1. Have an Arizona chiropractic license, or apply for the certificate concurrent with the license.
2. Completed 120 hours of course work in physiotherapy taught by regular or postgraduate faculty of an accredited chiropractic college.
3. NBCE physiotherapy exam with a score of 375 or better
4. Complete the Arizona application for certification.
5. Pay the application fee of \$100.00.
6. Board approval of eligibility for certification.
7. Pay the certification issuance fee of \$100.00.

The Board accepts applications from licensed chiropractors for physiotherapy 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 coursework in acupuncture taught by regular or postgraduate faculty of an accredited chiropractic college.
3. Complete the Arizona application for certification.
4. Pay the application fee of \$100.
5. Pass the NBCE exam in acupuncture with a score of 375 or better.
6. Board approval of eligibility for certification.
7. Pay the certification issuance fee of \$100.00.

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### 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)

Please make check payable to: Arizona State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

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