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**4 CSR 15-2.010 Application for Licensure**

*PURPOSE: This rule outlines the requirements for applying for licensure as an acupuncturist.*

(1) Application for licensure shall be made on a form provided by the Acupuncturist Advisory Committee. Applications may be obtained by written request to the advisory committee at PO Box 672, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0672, or by calling the advisory committee office at (573) 751-1655 or contacting the advisory committee by e-mail at [acupunct@mail.state.mo.us](mailto:acupunct@mail.state.mo.us).

(2) The application shall be typewritten or printed in black ink, signed, notarized, and accompanied by all documents required by the advisory committee and the application fee as defined in 4 CSR 15-1.030(3)(A). Documentation required to be submitted with the application shall include, but is not limited to the following:

(A) Two (2) sets of fingerprints and the applicable fee as defined in 4 CSR 15-1.030(3)(C);

(B) Proof that the applicant is at least twenty-one (21) years of age as demonstrated by one (1) of the following:

1. Driver's license or identification (ID) card issued by a state or jurisdiction of the United States provided the ID includes a photograph and date of birth;

2. ID card issued by federal, state, or local government agency or entity provided the ID includes a photograph and date of birth;

3. Certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a state, county, municipal authority or jurisdiction of the United States bearing an official seal;

4. United States citizen ID card provided that the ID includes the date of birth;

5. ID card used as a resident citizen in the United States provided the ID includes the date of birth.

(3) An applicant for licensure based upon certification by the National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) shall be currently certified as a diplomate in acupuncture by NCCAOM. The applicant shall be responsible for authorizing NCCAOM to verify certi-

fication to the advisory committee and verification of certification shall be sent to the advisory committee by NCCAOM.

(A) An applicant for licensure with a course of study from a school or program outside the United States may be considered in compliance with these rules if the applicant is certified as a diplomate in acupuncture by NCCAOM.

(4) A person applying for licensure based upon current licensure, certification or registration in another state or jurisdiction of the United States shall comply with sections (1) and (2) of this rule and shall submit the following:

(A) A copy of the state's or jurisdiction of the United States' laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the regulation of acupuncture; and

(B) Verification of licensure, certification or registration as an acupuncturist to be provided directly to the advisory committee office from the state, or jurisdiction of the United States regulatory agency, that shall include:

1. Status of the applicant's license;

2. License original issue date and if there has been any lapse in the license;

3. License expiration date; and

4. Information regarding any complaints, investigations or disciplinary action.

(5) The advisory committee shall review the information submitted for licensure based on licensure, certification or registration in another state or jurisdiction of the United States to determine equivalency with Missouri requirements for acupuncture licensure.

(6) After review of an application by the advisory committee, the applicant will be informed in writing concerning the results of the review.

*AUTHORITY: sections 324.481, 324.487 and 324.493, RSMo 2000.\* Original rule filed July 24, 2001, effective Feb. 28, 2002.*

*\*Original authority: 324.481, RSMo 1998, amended 1999; 324.487, RSMo 1998, amended 1999; 324.493, RSMo 1998, amended 1999.*

**4 CSR 15-2.020 License Renewal, Restoration and Continuing Education**

*PURPOSE: This rule outlines the requirements for the renewal and restoration of licensure and the required continuing education to maintain a license.*

(1) A license shall be renewed on or before the expiration date of the license by submitting the completed renewal form along with the renewal fee. Failure of a licensee to receive the notice and application to renew the license shall not excuse the licensee from the requirements of section 324.487, RSMo to renew that license.

(2) Receipt of the renewal form and fee post-marked after the expiration date of the license shall cause the license to become not current and a licensee who continues to practice without a valid license shall be deemed to be practicing in violation of sections 324.475 to 324.499, RSMo and subject to the penalties contained therein.

(3) Prior to the expiration date of the license and as a condition of the license renewal, a licensed acupuncturist shall complete thirty (30) hours of continuing education within the two (2)-year licensure period. Continuing education shall be related to the practice of acupuncture. For the first year of licensure continuing education hours shall not be required.

(4) A person may submit an application to restore a license that has been expired for not more than two (2) years after the expiration date. The application shall be submitted in compliance with 4 CSR 15-2.010, accompanied by the required fee, and shall include documentation of completing continuing education pursuant to 4 CSR 15.2.020(3).

(5) Violation of any provision of this rule shall be grounds for discipline in accordance with section 324.496, RSMo.

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