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MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

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The mission of the Maryland Board of Acupuncture is to protect the health, safety and welfare of Maryland residents seeking care from State licensed acupuncturists. This mission is fulfilled through the licensure and regulation of acupuncturists. More specifically, the Board ensures that those seeking licensure and those continuing to practice acupuncture in Maryland meet State standards; this includes investigating complaints when a violation of the law is alleged.



The Board is currently accepting applications to fill two (2) vacancies: one (1) licensee & one (1) consumer. To submit an application for consideration please visit the [Governor's Appointment Office](#) webpage after reviewing the minimum qualifications (e.g., five years of practice in the State of MD) detailed in the [Maryland Acupuncture Act](#).

REMINDER: As of May 30, 2021 the law requires all health care practitioners in Maryland to attest that they have completed implicit bias training upon renewal of their license. [The Maryland Department of Health, Office of Minority Health & Health Disparities](#) has shared an approved list of courses on its webpage for licensees to review when strategizing how to comply with the law. The most recent resource, *Introduction to Unconscious Bias and Microaggressions*, is offered by Johns Hopkins Medicine, Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Health Equity

REMEMBER: If you have taken a course that did not provide a certificate of completion, it has been recommended that licensees retain proof of registration in the course and/or take a screenshot of the final completion screen in the event a situation arises that calls for verification of completion. At the time of your license renewal, you will attest to the completion of the training by checking the appropriate box on your renewal application.



The next license renewal period (a.k.a. November Renewal) begins Saturday, October 1, 2022 and ends Wednesday, November 30, 2022 (60-days). The process must be completed via our online renewal portal and the \$551 renewal fee (\$525 license fee + \$26 MHCC fee) can be paid via Visa or Mastercard. Visit the [Maryland Board of Acupuncture](#) webpage and click on the Renew Your License text in the menu on the left to complete the process.

Licensee's that do not complete the online renewal

process by November 30th still have an opportunity to renew their license during the 30-day grace period beginning Thursday, December 1, 2022 and ending Friday, December 30, 2022. Renewal during the grace period incurs an additional \$100, increasing the license renewal fee total to \$651.

*Don't forget to retain a detailed record of your 30 continuing education credits. Proof of compliance is required if your license is chosen to be audited.

Thank you for helping Marylanders achieve their health goals with acupuncture.

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