



IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

All licensees and certificate holders with licenses expiring January 31, 2027 must complete the online renewal process and satisfy all renewal requirements by the deadline.



RENEWAL DEADLINE



Online Renewal Period:

November 1, 2026 – January 31, 2027



Final Deadline:

January 31, 2027, at 11:59 PM



ONLINE RENEWAL PORTAL

Click here to complete your renewal:



Maryland License Renewal Portal >



Do not wait until the deadline to submit your renewal.



CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK (CHRC)

Under §17-501.1, Annotated Code of Maryland, a CHRC is required when six (6) or more years have passed since your last report. A complete CHRC includes both State and FBI reports. To check your last CHRC date, visit License Verification on the Board's website.



Maryland residents:

- CHRC instructions



Out-of-state applicants:

- Contact the Board at 410-764-4732 or mdh.bopct@maryland.gov to request a fingerprint packet.



After completing your CHRC:

- Notify the Board within three (3) days so your record can be updated.



PAPERLESS LICENSING

The Board no longer issues paper licenses. Effective July 1, 2019, license status and renewal verification are available online through **License Verification**.



BEFORE YOU SUBMIT

Make sure you have:

- ☐ Completed all required CE during the applicable renewal period.
- ☐ Confirmed whether a CHRC is required.
- ☐ Completed the CHRC, if required, and notified the Board within three days.
- ☐ Completed the required implicit bias training, if applicable.
- ☐ Your Visa or MasterCard available for the \$301 renewal fee.
- ☐ Submitted your renewal by **11:59 PM on January 31, 2027.**



CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE)

Required CE must be completed during the renewal period:



February 1, 2025 – January 31, 2027

Only CEUs completed that fall within this period will count toward renewal.



RENEWAL FEES

Online Renewal Fee:

\$301.00 (Visa or MasterCard only).



Missed the renewal deadline?

After January 31, 2027, you must submit a Reinstatement Application and pay the \$501 fee (submit through the online portal).



IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING

Maryland law requires healthcare practitioners to attest to completion of an approved implicit bias training program as part of renewal.

- Training must be completed through an MHHD-approved course.
- This is a one-time requirement and does not need to be repeated for future renewals.
- Implicit bias training does not count toward CE hours.



Approved Implicit Bias Training Resources >



QUESTIONS?

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Complete your renewal early to avoid delays, additional fees, or reinstatement requirements.