



Board of Nursing

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INFORMATION SHEET -- LICENSURE AS A DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFE

Applicants applying for licensure to practice as a direct-entry midwife in Maryland must submit the following:

1. A copy of a birth certificate or other legal proof of age such as passport or driver's license.
2. A copy of a current valid Certified Professional Midwife credential granted by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM).
3. A copy of a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification issued by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.
4. A copy of a current neonatal resuscitation program (NRP) certification issued by the American Academy of Pediatrics or the American Heart Association within the two (2) years immediately preceding the date of application.
5. One of the following:
 - A. An official transcript sent directly from a midwifery education program that is accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC) or the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME);
 - B. Evidence of completion of the NARM Midwifery Bridge Certificate program (copy of the certificate); OR
 - C. If the applicant was certified by NARM as a certified professional midwife on or before January 15, 2017, through a non-MEAC accredited program, but otherwise qualifies for licensure, the applicant shall provide (see application section 3 part B):
 - 1) Verification of completion of NARM-approved clinical requirements; and
 - 2) Evidence of completion, within the two (2) years immediately preceding the date of application, of an additional 50 hours of continuing education units approved by the Board and accredited by MEAC, the American College of Nurse Midwives, or the Accrediting Council for Continuing Medical Education, including:
 - a) 14 hours of obstetric emergency skills training such as a birth emergency skills training (BEST) or an advanced lifesaving in obstetrics (ALSO) course; and
 - b) The remaining 36 hours divided among and including hours in the areas of pharmacology, lab interpretation of pregnancy, antepartum complications, intrapartum complications, postpartum complications, and neonatal care.
6. \$900.00 non-refundable and non-transferable application processing and initial licensure fee (check or money order) payable to the **Maryland Board of Nursing**.
7. A properly formatted passport-style photograph.
8. A signed copy of the **General Written Care Plan for Direct Entry Midwives** ([attached](#)).
9. A current Criminal History Record Check (CHRC) is REQUIRED to complete your application. A fingerprint card (**FOR MARYLAND RESIDENTS ONLY**) and instructions are available [HERE](#). **OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS MUST [EMAIL THE BOARD TO REQUEST AN OUT-OF-STATE FINGERPRINT CARD](#)**. Once fingerprints have been obtained, send a COPY of your CHRC (**fingerprinting**) receipt to the

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Interpreter Services are available upon request.

Board of Nursing as indicated in the CHRC (fingerprinting) instructions. Failure to submit a copy of the CHRC receipt with your application will result in delayed processing times.

10. Complete and sign the application in its entirety.
11. Allow four (4) to six (6) weeks for processing.

Applicants without a social security number (SSN) or an individual tax identification number (ITIN) may provide alternative documentation, in the form of an [Affidavit](#) for Licensing.

Applicants that do not possess an SSN or ITIN must download and complete the Affidavit for Licensing and return it with the completed application for licensure. For more information, please visit the Board of Nursing website at the following links:

<https://mbon.maryland.gov/Pages/individual-taxpayer-identification-numbers.aspx>
[Affidavit for applicants without ITIN and SSN.pdf \(maryland.gov\)](#)

- **PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENTIRE APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE. FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE ENTIRE APPLICATION AND SUBMIT THE REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION WILL BE CONSIDERED AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS MAY RESULT IN A DELAY IN YOUR APPLICATION BEING REVIEWED OR CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD.**

Once issued, the new Direct-Entry Midwife license verification may be viewed and printed from the Board's website: www.mbon.org --- "Look Up A Licensee"