

Maryland Psychology License/Registration

February 22, 2023, Renewal Information UPDATE

There are two (2) new requirements to complete before you can renew, **Criminal History Record Check and Implicit Bias Training**. Information on these new requirements is below.

The online Renewal System will remain open until 11:59 p.m., Friday, March 31, 2023. Make sure you have completed your required continuing education (CE) hours. CE hours must be earned between April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023. **For this renewal period only**, all CEs may be obtained through independent study but must be by an approved sponsor.

Criminal history records checks

As required in §18–309 Term and renewal of licenses in the Practice Act, you must complete a criminal history record check to renew your license. A complete Criminal History Records Check includes both State and FBI checks. The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) oversees Criminal History Records Checks. History records checks are conducted by being fingerprinted.

Background checks received in the Board's office from the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) by **March 31, 2023**, will be processed as usual. Background checks not received from CJIS by March 31, 2023, will result in a license placed on non-renewed status. Contact CJIS if you have questions about the processing of your background check.

Below is the information you will need to obtain a background check.

CJIS Authorization #: 1000002835

FBI ORI #: 920502Z

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Email the Board at mdh.psychologyboard@maryland.gov to request two (2) fingerprint cards (Maryland and FBI). Include your full name and address in your email. Two cards will be mailed to the address you provided in the email.

You are responsible for the State criminal history records and the Federal Bureau of Investigation fees. The fees must be paid directly to the provider. Cash is not accepted. For additional information, contact CJIS at 410-764-4501 or visit <https://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicservs/fingerprint.shtml>

Implicit Bias training is a one-time requirement.

During the 2021 legislative session, HB 28/SB 5 *Public Health – Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities* Bill passed. The training must be approved by one of the following authorized sponsors as listed in COMAR 10.36.02.06. 06 Authorized Sponsors.

American Psychological Association
Association for Psychological Science
American Medical Association
National Association of Social Workers
National Association of School Psychologists
Maryland Department of Health
National Institutes of Health
Accredited academic institutions

On your renewal application, include the name of the implicit bias training you took in the CE section. You are only required to submit a certificate of completion if your CEs are audited. For more information on Implicit Bias Training, visit the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities website at <https://health.maryland.gov/mhhd/Pages/Implicit-Bias-Resources.aspx>.