

Oregon Health Licensing Agency



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Board of Direct Entry Midwifery

DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIFERY

REQUIREMENTS

Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 332 states:

New Applicants

Individuals who wish to obtain licensure in Oregon who have not previously held a license must submit the following:

- ✓ Application for licensure submitted on forms furnished by the Board, accompanied by the application and license fees;
- ✓ Documentation showing proof that the applicant completed the necessary experience and training requirements as listed in OAR 332-015-0040;
- ✓ Documentation of minimum clinical experiences as outlined in OAR 332-015-0010(2);
- ✓ Documentation showing proof of passing a qualifying examination approved by the Board as outlined in OAR 332-015-0050;
- ✓ Documentation of required education in approved legend drugs and devices as provided in OAR 332-015-0070;
- ✓ Written plan for emergency transport; and
- ✓ Proof of current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation for adults and newborns, which includes newborn bag and mask ventilation.

Equivalency

Individuals who wish to obtain licensure in Oregon who are currently licensed in another State or have been licensed in another state within the last three years and who have not had a license suspended or revoked must submit the following:

- ✓ Application for licensure submitted on forms furnished by the Board, accompanied by the application and license fees;
- ✓ Documentation showing proof of passing a qualifying examination approved by the Board as outlined in OAR 332-015-0050 or evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has passed another state sponsored exam which the Board finds to be equivalent to the NARM exam;
- ✓ Affidavit of Licensure from another state as outlined in OAR 332-015-0060;
- ✓ Documentation of minimum clinical experiences as outlined in OAR 332-015-0010(2);
- ✓ Documentation of required education in approved legend drugs and devices as provided in OAR 332-015-0070;
- ✓ Written plan for emergency transport; and
- ✓ Proof of current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation for adults and newborns, which includes newborn bag and mask ventilation.

EXAMINATION

All applicants are required to provide proof of passing the qualifying examination as prerequisite. The approved examination provided by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) is a national examination and is administered on a uniform schedule at many locations. Detailed information about the credentialing and examination process, including site and time, or fees for service, may be obtained by contacting:

NARM Applications
PO Box 6449
Bend, OR 97708-6449
(541) 385-0109
NARM General Information
1-888-842-4784
NARMCPM@aol.com

LICENSES

A license is issued when all qualifications have been met. Licenses are issued for no more than one year and will expire on the last day of the month one year from the date of issuance.

The Board office may mail a notice of renewal to the current address on file of the license holder.

FEES

Fees are established by the Board.

- \$100 Application
- \$1500 Initial License
- \$1500 Annual Renewal
- \$25 Duplicate License
- \$500 License Reactivation over three years
- \$300 License Reactivation within three years

Cash, check or money orders are acceptable forms of payment.

Verification of Oregon Licensure

Applicants holding a current, active certificate in Oregon who wish to have verification sent to another state, must submit a written request with their name, license number, address, phone number, the state they wish the verification be sent and \$15.00 (cashiers check or money order *only*) to the Health Licensing Agency.

APPLICATION PACKET

The application packet includes:

- Information cover sheet
- Licensure application
- Required documentation checklist
- Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 687
- Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 332
- Documentation of Clinical Requirements for NARM Certified Midwives

CONTINUING EDUCATION

To maintain licensure as a direct entry midwife requires participation in continuing education as follows:

Complete forty-five hours of continuing education every three years from date of licensure to qualify for license renewal. A midwife who has attended fewer than five births in the previous year is required to take an additional ten hours of continuing education.

Continuing education is required for renewal, every three years, even if the direct entry midwife license has been inactive during that period. Completion of an additional 12.5 hours of continuing education in legend drugs and devices in a Board approved comprehensive curriculum according to OAR 332-020-0010.

Midwives must retain documentation of completion and report the continuing education on the self-attestation section of the renewal notice.

Hours obtained in excess of those required for renewal each three-year period will not be carried forward as credit for the subsequent three-year continuing education requirement.

Continuing education audit

Licenses selected for audit will be required to provide proof of course completion in the form of certificates. Letters or other documentation are not adequate to prove attendance. Failure to provide the required documentation may result in suspension or revocation of the license.

NOTE: For details regarding continuing education please refer to OAR 332-020-0010. Information can also be obtained on our web site at www.oregon.gov/OHLA

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Business Hours
8 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.
and
1 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.

"Office Closed" during the noon hour.

"Office Closed" on all State recognized holidays.

PARKING: The agency is located within the central area of Salem known as the "*Capitol Mall*" which houses the majority of state buildings. When visiting the agency to transact business, parking is available through off-street metered parking spaces on Summer Street, adjacent side streets and in the Veterans' metered lot.

The majority of parking meters have a one or two hour time limitation and require \$.75 for 60 minutes. **Exact change is needed.** The Health Licensing Agency and other agencies located in the Veterans' Affairs Building are unable to make monetary change for clients or visitors conducting business. Plan for your visit and bring an adequate amount of change for the meters to cover the duration of your business.

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