

PROPOSED CHANGES TO NAC 634A (2026)

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Blue: Proposed language to be added

Purple: Language already added or deleted from 2024 approved regulations

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NAC 634A.071 Application: General requirements. (NRS 634A.070, 634A.110)

1. A person who desires to be licensed by the Board as a doctor of Oriental medicine must, at least 3 months before the date of the state examination in which the person wishes to participate:

(a) File an application with the Executive Director;

(b) Pay to the Board at the time of filing his or her application any applicable fees set forth in NAC 634A.165; and

(c) Submit any other documentation or proof that the Board may require.

2. The application must be:

(a) Made on the form provided by the Board; and

(b) Typed or written in English.

3. The application must include:

~~(a) The social security number of the applicant;~~

(a) ~~(b)~~—A set of the fingerprints of the applicant, together with written consent for the Board to submit the fingerprints to any law enforcement agency in connection with his or her application;

(b) ~~(c)~~ Written consent of the applicant to an investigation of his or her personal background, professional training and experience by the Board or any person acting on its behalf; and

(c) ~~(d)~~—Evidence that the applicant possesses the qualifications required pursuant to this chapter and chapter 634A of NRS for licensure as a doctor of Oriental medicine.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Oriental Med. by R071-02, eff. 11-25-2002; A by R072-18, 12-19-2018; R026-22, 9-28-2022)

NAC 634A.080 Evidence of qualifications of applicant; approval of program of study. (NRS 634A.070, 634A.080, 634A.090, 634A.140)

1. An applicant for a license to practice Oriental medicine must submit, together with his or her application, evidence that he or she has successfully completed a 4-year program of study, or its equivalent, in Oriental medicine at a school or college of Oriental medicine which is approved by the Board.

2. If the application is submitted pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 634A.140, the applicant must submit evidence showing that he or she has earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in the United States.

3. If the application for licensure by endorsement is submitted pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 634A.140, the applicant must submit evidence that he or she:

(a) Has lawfully practiced Oriental medicine in another state or foreign country for at least 4 years; ~~and~~

(b) Holds a Diplomate of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine ~~Oriental Medicine Certification~~ from ~~by~~ the National Certification ~~Commission~~ Board for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine or its successor organization; ~~and~~

(c) If the applicant successfully completed a 4-year program of study at a school or college of Oriental medicine described in subparagraph (3) of paragraph (a) of subsection 4, holds a valid license to practice Oriental medicine in the applicable state.

4. For the purposes of subsection 1, the Board may approve a 4-year program of study, or its equivalent, in Oriental medicine at a school or college of Oriental medicine if the Board finds that:

(a) The school or college of Oriental medicine is:

(1) Accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and ~~Oriental~~ Herbal Medicine or its successor organization; ~~or~~

(2) In pre-accreditation status with the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine or its successor organization; and satisfies the requirements of paragraph (b);
or

(3) Approved by a licensing agency that regulates the practice of Oriental medicine in another state, if the applicant currently holds a valid license to practice Oriental medicine in that state;

(b) The program of study includes training or instruction in the subjects of acupuncture, moxibustion, herbology, Oriental physiology, Oriental pathology, Oriental diagnosis, tuina or qigong, biology, ~~chemistry or biochemistry~~, anatomy, Western physiology, Western pathology, Western diagnosis, pharmacology, laboratory and radiology; and

(c) The program of study:

(1) Required the completion of at least 2,800 hours of instruction, including not less than 2,500 didactic hours, for a student to have graduated before November 25, 2002; or

(2) Requires the completion of at least 3,000 hours of instruction, including not less than 2,500 didactic hours, for a student to graduate on or after November 25, 2002, or results in the award of a combined bachelor's and master's degree in Oriental medicine to a student who graduates on or after November 25, 2002.

5. For the purposes of subsection 1, the Board will deem a master's degree to be the equivalent of a 4-year program of study if the program of study for the degree conforms to the requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection 4.

6. For the purposes of subsections 2 and 3, evidence that the applicant is qualified for licensure as a doctor of Oriental medicine must include certified copies of any diplomas, transcripts, licenses and certificates issued to the applicant. If possible, all certified copies of official diplomas, transcripts, licenses or certificates must be forwarded directly to the Executive Director from the issuing entity rather than from the applicant.

[Bd. of Oriental Med., Art. IV part § 1, eff. 7-19-76; + Art. V part § 1, eff. 4-26-74]—(NAC A 1-22-92; R071-02, 11-25-2002; R072-18, 12-19-2018; R026-22, 9-28-2022)

NAC 634A.085 Compliance with requirement of passing national examination. (NRS 634A.070, 634A.120) To comply with the requirement of passing the national examination in Oriental medicine, an applicant for licensure as a doctor of Oriental medicine must have passed each examination for ~~a Diplomate of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine~~ ~~Oriental Medicine Certification~~ from ~~by~~ the National Certification ~~Commission~~ Board for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine or its successor organization.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Oriental Med. by R071-02, eff. 11-25-2002; A by R193-07, 6-17-2008; R072-18, 12-19-2018; R026-22, 9-28-2022)

NAC 634A.133 Holder of license issued after December 31, 2018, required to maintain national certification; proof of certification. (NRS 634A.070, 634A.110, 634A.160, 634A.167) Each holder of a new license that is first issued after December 31, 2018, including, without limitation, a holder of a license by endorsement issued pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 634A.140, shall:

1. Maintain a Diplomate of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine ~~Oriental Medicine Certification~~ from ~~by~~ the National Certification ~~Commission~~ Board for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine or its successor organization; and
2. Provide proof of unexpired Diplomate of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine from ~~by~~ the National Certification ~~Commission~~ Board for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine or its successor organization ~~certification~~ to the Executive Director upon:
 - (a) Each annual license renewal; and
 - ~~—(b) Recertification; and~~
 - (b) ~~(c)~~ The change of classification of his or her license from inactive status to active status.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Oriental Med. by R072-18, eff. 12-19-2018)

NAC 634A.137 Approval of courses of continuing education; application; exception from approval and exemption from fees for certain courses; expiration of approval. (NRS 634A.070, 634A.225)

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a person or entity shall not offer a course of continuing education for licensees in this State unless the person or entity has first obtained approval for the course from the Board pursuant to this section.
2. Courses ~~in any of the core competencies of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and Biomedicine (AOM-BIO), Oriental Medicine Foundation and Theory (AOM-OM), Acupuncture (AOM-AC), Chinese Herbology (AOM-CH), Asian Bodywork Therapy (AOM-ABT), Safety (SA), Ethics (ET), which are~~ approved ~~for recertification~~ by the National Certification ~~Commission~~ Board for Acupuncture and ~~Oriental~~ Herbal Medicine or its successor organization, may be offered as courses of continuing education for licensees in this State without approval from the Board and are exempt from the imposition of fees for approval of courses of continuing education pursuant to NAC 634A.165.
3. A person or entity may apply for approval of a course of continuing education by submitting to the Board:

(a) An application, on a form provided by the Board, which must include information indicating the specific subject or topics to be presented and the name of each proposed instructor;

(b) All material relating to the course, including, without limitation, written material to be provided to a licensee attending the course; and

(c) The fee required pursuant to NAC 634A.165.

4. If the Board approves a course of continuing education pursuant to this section, the Board will determine the number of hours of continuing education that a licensee may receive for attending the course.

5. Board approval of a course of continuing education other than a course described in subsection 2 expires 4 years after that approval.

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NAC 634A.142 Endorsement to practice acupuncture point injection therapy.

1. A doctor of Oriental medicine licensed pursuant to this chapter may apply to the Board for an endorsement to practice acupuncture point injection therapy. The applicant must submit with his or her application proof that the applicant has:

(a) Successfully completed the Acupuncture Injection Therapy Certificate of Qualification from the National Certification Board for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine or its successor organization; and

(b) Obtained and carries an unexpired policy of professional liability insurance which insures the applicant against any liability arising from the provision of acupuncture point injection therapy by the applicant.

2. The Board shall issue an endorsement to practice acupuncture point injection therapy to an applicant who meets the requirements of subsection 1.

3. A licensee who is issued an endorsement to practice acupuncture point injection therapy may only inject substances for which the licensee has received training which may include, without limitation, nutritional, homeopathic and herbal substances.

4. As used in this section, "acupuncture point injection therapy" means the subcutaneous, intramuscular and intradermal injection of substances to stimulate acupuncture points, ashi points, and trigger points to relieve pain and prevent illness.

NAC 634A.165 Fees of Board. (NRS 634A.070, 634A.110, 634A.160, 634A.165) The Board will charge and collect the following fees:

Original application for licensure as a doctor of Oriental medicine.....	\$1,000 , \$900 , \$500
Renewal of active license before February 1.....	700 , 600 , 500
Renewal of inactive license before February 1.....	500.00
Penalty for late renewal of license within 90 days after February 1.....	100.00
Renewal of active license of an active member of the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the spouse of such a veteran or veteran before February 1	500 , 400
Replacement of pocket license.....	100.00
Replacement of license.....	200.00
Original fee for state examination.....	1,000 , 900 , 500
Reexamination fee for state examination.....	500.00
Approval of course of continuing education.....	100.00
Temporary certificate for lecturing or training.....	100.00
Check returned for insufficient funds.....	25.00
For copies of this chapter and chapter 634A of NRS.....	10.00
For other copies, per page.....	0.25
For other copies, per compact disc or tape recording.....	20.00
Original application fee for a school or college of Oriental medicine.....	2,000.00
Annual fee for approval of curriculum before February 1.....	1,000.00