



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 (NRP) certification issued by the American Academy of Pediatrics or the American Heart Association.
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) Evidence of completion, in the past 2 years, 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 life-saving in obstetrics (ALSO) course; and
 - b) The remaining 36 hours shall include courses in pharmacology, lab interpretation of pregnancy, ante-partum complications, intrapartum complications, postpartum complications, and neonatal care.
6. \$900.00 non-refundable 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 Board of Nursing as indicated in the CHRC (fingerprinting) instructions.
10. Complete and sign the application in its entirety.
11. Allow four (4) to six (6) weeks for processing.

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Effective January 27, 2012: Please be advised that the disclosure of your Social Security Number is **mandatory** in order to process your application.

Any license or certificate application(s) received at the Maryland Board of Nursing without a Social Security Number (SSN) **WILL NOT** be processed. Applications without these numbers are incomplete.

The Board is required by federal and Maryland law to collect this information for the following purposes:

- Verification of identity with respect to final adverse actions related to your license or certificate (42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7e(b))
 - Administration of the Child Support Enforcement Program (Md. Family Law Code Ann., § 10-119.3)
 - Identification by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation of new businesses in Maryland (Md. Health Occ. Code Ann., § 1-210)
- Please understand that if the Board receives your application, but it is incomplete because there is **NO** Social Security Number, your application **WILL NOT** be processed and **WILL BE** returned to you.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL PROCESSING TIME.

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"