

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

COMMITTEE ON ACUPUNCTURE

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Dear Applicant:

Enclosed is the application package for a full license as an acupuncturist in Massachusetts. Please read the enclosed Full Acupuncture License Application Instructions. Additional information is available at the Committee on Acupuncture's website at www.massmedboard.org.

For applicants who have attended a United States Acupuncture school please note that the school must be a Committee on Acupuncture (COA) approved acupuncture school (must have ACAOM candidacy status or accreditation) on the date that you, the applicant, graduated.

Applicants who have attended a school located outside of the United States must have a minimum total of five years of study, of which three years must consist of acupuncture training in a Committee on Acupuncture approved school. All transcripts must be in English and state the number of hours for each class, the number of hours for the entire program, the number of months in attendance and the date the diploma was awarded. The COA will recognize only foreign schools that are government approved. In addition, the Acupuncture Unit will verify the authenticity of the documents submitted by contacting the appropriate issuing institution.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Any applicant who takes the NCCAOM (Massachusetts licensure examination) examination on or after September 1, 1999, must take all components of such examination in the English Language.
 1. Effective December 13, 2001 all applicants for licensure whose native language is not English must submit proof of passing the TOEFL Exam with a score of 550 or better. The TOEFL exam must have been taken within 2 years of the date the applicant signs the MA Application for a Full Acupuncture License and the TOEFL score result must be sent directly to the Acupuncture Unit from the agency administering the TOEFL exam.
 2. The COA will not consider any requests for a waiver of this requirement.

- Any applicant who has graduated from a COA approved acupuncture school and who cannot document that he or she is currently practicing acupuncture or has been practicing acupuncture for the past 4 years will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

If you have any questions, please contact the Licensing Division at (781) 876-8210.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Committee on Acupuncture