



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA

24.126.504 APPLICATION FOR CHIROPRACTOR LICENSE

- (1) Each applicant for licensure must submit:
 - (a) a completed application form;
 - (b) the applicable fee; and
 - (c) documentary evidence satisfactory to the department that the applicant:
 - (i) meets the education and examination requirements for licensure set by board statute or rule (application by examination); or
 - (ii) meets the criteria for licensure by substantial equivalency under 37-1-304, MCA (application by endorsement) 37-12-302(3), MCA, and ARM 24.126.508; and
 - (iii) meets the character and fitness requirements to practice.
- (2) The department will verify character and fitness through:
 - (a) the applicant's personal history questions submitted with the application;
 - (b) the license history in any jurisdiction where the applicant has held a chiropractic license;
 - (c) a query from the National Practitioner Databank (NPDB); or
 - (d) other sources of unprofessional conduct allegations.
- (3) Applicants under (1)(c)(i) must take the jurisprudence examination with a minimum score of 75 percent.
- (4) Applicants under (1)(c)(ii) are exempt from:
 - (a) taking the jurisprudence examination; and
 - (b) meeting the bachelor's degree requirement under 37-12-302(3), MCA.
- (5) The board authorizes the department to deem applications from applicants who hold an active license in another state as routine and substantially equivalent to Montana if the state requires:
 - (a) graduation from a college of chiropractic approved by the board; and
 - (b) passage of parts I through IV of the NBCE. An applicant from a state that does not require passage of the physiotherapy portion of the NBCE must submit evidence of having passed that portion of the exam; and
 - (c) passage of the jurisprudence examination.
- (6) All license applications expire within 1 year of initial submission to the department.

Authorizing statute(s): 37-1-131, 37-12-201, MCA

Implementing statute(s): 37-1-105, 37-1-131, 37-1-304, 37-12-302, 37-12-304, MCA

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