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**Licensing Requirements and Application Checklist
Naturopathic Physician**

License Requirements for Naturopathic Physician

Below are the minimum requirements you must meet in order to be licensed in the state of Montana.

1. Must be of good moral character. ([MCA 37-26-402](#) and [ARM 24.111.502](#))
2. Must be a graduate of an approved naturopathic medical college. ([MCA 37-26-402](#) and [ARM 24.111.501](#))
3. Must have verification from the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners (NABNE) of passing the Naturopathic Physician Licensing Examination (NPLEX). ([MCA 37-26-402](#) and [ARM 24.111.502](#))

Checklist of Required Documents to Submit for Application for Naturopathic Physician

The following documents and additional forms are required in addition to the basic application. Some documents may be submitted directly by the applicant as part of the application. Others, such as transcripts, may need to be sent to the board directly from the source.

- Three letters of reference, at least one of which must be from a licensed naturopathic physician, attesting to the applicant's good moral character.
- Official transcript sent directly from the naturopathic medical college.
- Official verification sent directly from the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners (NABNE) of passing the NPLEX.
- Official license verification from states and jurisdictions in which the applicant holds or has ever held a professional license of any type.

**Checklist of Required Documents to Submit for Application for Naturopathic Physician –
Out-of-State Applicants** ([ARM 24.111.503](#))

The following documents and additional forms are required in addition to the basic application. Some documents may be submitted directly by the applicant as part of the application. Others, such as transcripts, may need to be sent to the board directly from the source.

- Copy of current unencumbered naturopathic physician license in another state or jurisdiction in the form of official license verification directly from the state or jurisdiction.
- Three letters of reference, at least one of which must be from a licensed naturopathic physician, attesting to the applicant's good moral character.
- Official transcript sent directly from the naturopathic medical college.
- Official verification sent directly from the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners (NABNE) of passing the NPLEX.

- Official license verification from states and jurisdictions in which the applicant holds or has ever held a professional license of any type.

Checklist of Required Documents to Submit for Childbirth Specialty Certificate
(ARM 24.111.510)

The following documents and additional forms are required in addition to the basic application. Some documents may be submitted directly by the applicant as part of the application. Others, such as transcripts, may need to be sent to the board directly from the source.

- Official transcript from an approved naturopathic medical college, hospital, or a signed supervisor document showing completion of at least 100 clock hours or academic coursework, internship, or preceptorship in obstetrics.
- Log of natural childbirth care signed by a licensed naturopathic, medical, or osteopathic physician with specialty training in obstetrics documenting that the applicant has observed and assisted in the prenatal care and delivery of 50 supervised natural childbirths (3 of the births must have occurred within the 2 years immediately preceding the submission of the application, and in at least 1 of the 3 births, the applicant must have provided continuous care). Include date of birth, county and state of birth, the name of the primary birth attendant(s), and the name and license number of the supervisor.
- Provide proof of having passed a specialty examination in obstetrics approved by the board, or the American College of Naturopathic Obstetrics' (ACNO) obstetrics specialty examination, or the Naturopathic Physician Licensing Examination's (NPLEX) obstetrics specialty examination.

Application Fee(s) for Naturopathic Physician

The following fee(s) must be submitted with your application. Online applicants can pay using a credit card or bank account. If you submit a paper application you must submit a check or money order. Do not mail cash.

- \$300 application fee
- \$200 original license fee
- \$100 childbirth specialty certificate fee

Online application is recommended. Visit <https://ebiz.mt.gov/POL/> to create an account and apply online.

E-mail is the department's primary form of communication. Be sure to include a valid e-mail address with your application.

You may contact the Department of Labor and Industry Professional Licensing Bureau with questions regarding the application process and requirements using the contact information at the top of this checklist.