

## Chapter SPS 71

### CERTIFICATION

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**Note:** Chapter RL 71 was renumbered chapter SPS 71 under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 1., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671.

**SPS 71.01 Application for certification.** An applicant for certification as an acupuncturist who has never practiced acupuncture or who does not qualify for certification under s. SPS 71.03, shall submit to the department:

(1) An application on a form provided by the department.

**Note:** Application forms are available on request to the department at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

(3) The fee specified in s. 440.05 (1), Stats.

(4) Evidence that the applicant has never been the subject of any disciplinary action by any professional or licensing authority, and subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335, Stats., has not been convicted of any offense substantially related to the practice of acupuncture.

(5) Evidence of successful completion of the NCCAOM examination in acupuncture, with a passing score as determined by the NCCAOM.

(6) Evidence of successful completion of course of study and residency, the equivalent of at least 2 consecutive years of full-time education and clinical work in Oriental diagnostic and therapeutic theories and practices at a school accredited by the national accreditation commission for schools and colleges of acupuncture and Oriental medicine or the NCCAOM.

(7) Evidence of successful completion of a clean needle technique course acceptable to the department.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1990, No. 418, eff. 11-1-90, am. (intro.), (4) to (6), r. (2), Register, May, 1998, No. 509, eff. 6-1-98; correction in (intro.) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671.

**SPS 71.03 Application for reciprocal certification.**  
(1) RECIPROCITY GENERALLY. Upon application and payment of the fee specified in s. 440.05 (2), Stats., the department shall grant

an acupuncturist certificate of registration to any applicant who holds an acupuncturist certificate or license in another state or territory of the United States if the department determines that the applicant has actively engaged in the practice of acupuncture for at least 5 years or that the requirements for certification or licensure in the other state or territory are substantially equivalent to the requirements under s. 451.04, Stats.

(2) RECIPROCITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS, FORMER SERVICE MEMBERS, AND SPOUSES OF SERVICE MEMBERS OR FORMER SERVICE MEMBERS. A reciprocal acupuncturist certificate shall be granted to an applicant who is a service member, former service member, or the spouse of a service member or former service member as defined in s. 440.09 (1), Stats., if the department determines that the applicant meets all of the requirements under s. 440.09 (2), Stats. Subject to s. 440.09 (2m), Stats., the department may request verification necessary to make a determination under this subsection.

**History:** Application forms are available on the department's website at <https://dps.wi.gov/pages/Home.aspx>, or by request from the Department of Safety and Professional Services, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708, or call (608) 266-2112.

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**SPS 71.04 Renewal of certification after 5 years.** An acupuncture certificate holder who fails to renew his or her credential within 5 years following the renewal date of the certificate shall take and pass the examination required under s. SPS 71.01 (5) within one year prior to the date of application for renewal, unless the applicant provides evidence satisfactory to the department that he or she has actively engaged in the certified practice of acupuncture during the 5 years immediately preceding the application in any other state or territory of the United States.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1998, No. 509, eff. 6-1-98; correction made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671.