BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

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STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE RENEWAL GUIDE

Instructions to Renew:

Renewals are available up to 60 days prior to the license expiration date. You will receive an email notification from the Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS) when your renewal is available. There are no paper renewal applications. Renewal applications must be submitted online at www.pals.pa.gov.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE LICENSES:

Acupuncturist, Athletic Trainer, Behavior Specialist, Genetic Counselor, Medical Physician and Surgeon, Physician Assistant, Naturopathic Doctor, Certified Nurse Midwife, Orthotic Fitter, Orthotist, Prosthetist, Pedorthist, Perfusionist, Practitioner of Oriental Medicine, Respiratory Therapist,

Licenses expire December 31, 2026

HELPFUL INFORMATION

- Licensees can visit the Support Tab for Frequently Asked Questions or call us at 1-833-367-2762 from 9AM to 2:30PM, Monday Through Friday, for additional assistance.
- For licenses that expire December 31, 2026, continuing education credits must be completed within the biennial period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026.
- Professional Liability Insurance must provide one million dollars per occurrence or claim and three million dollars per annual aggregate. For more details, please see Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act.
- The list of approved Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training Continuing Education Providers can be found here. Do not upload your certificate of completion to your online application. Verification of course completion must be sent electronically from the course provider.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL

For additional details on CME requirements for each license, click here.

Acupuncturists

✓ Renewal Fee: $37
✓Professional liability insurance in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is required.

CE Requirement

✓30 hours of continuing education applicable to the practice of Acupuncture.
✓2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training from an approved provider

Athletic Trainer

✓ Renewal Fee: $75

CE Requirement

✓2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training from an approved provider
✓30 hours. As a condition of biennial renewal, an athletic trainer must maintain Board of Certification (BOC) certification by completing the continuing education requirements prescribed by the BOC.
✓ Must hold a current BOC certification.

Behavior Specialist

✓ Renewal Fee: $75

CE Requirement

✓ 2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training from an approved provider

Genetic Counselor

✓ Renewal Fee: $75
✓Professional liability insurance in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is required.

CE Requirement

✓30 hours of continuing education applicable to the practice of genetic counseling (exempt if the initial license was issued 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2026 *and* within 3 years of completion of genetic counseling degree program)
✓2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training from an approved provider, counted towards the 30-hour requirement

Nurse Midwife

✓ Renewal Fee: $40

CE Requirement

✓30 hours of continuing education applicable to the practice of Midwifery (exempt if the initial license was issued 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2026).
✓2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training from an approved provider, counted towards the 30-hour requirement

Orthotic Fitter/ Pedorthist

- ✓ Renewal Fee: $75
- ✓Professional liability insurance in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is required.

CE Requirement

- ✓13 hours of ABC- Approved (American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics) or BOC Approved (Board of Certification) continuing education. (Exempt if the initial license was issued 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2026).
- ✓2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training from an approved provider, counted towards the 13-hour requirement

Orthotist/Prosthetist

- ✓ Renewal Fee: $75
- ✓Professional liability insurance in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is required.

CE Requirement

- ✓24 hours of ABC- Approved (American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics) or BOC Approved (Board of Certification) continuing education. (Exempt if the initial license was issued 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2026).
- ✓2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training from an approved provider, counted towards the 24-hour requirement

Perfusionist

- ✓Renewal Fee: $50
- ✓Professional liability insurance in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is required.

CE Requirement

- ✓30 hours of continuing education applicable to the practice of perfusion (exempt if the initial license was issued 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2026)
- ✓2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training from an approved provider, counted towards the 30-hour requirement
- ✓ Credit will *not* be granted for courses in office management.

Physician Acupuncturists

- ✓Renewal Fee: $40
- ✓Professional liability insurance in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is required.

CE Requirement

- ✓2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training from an approved provider.
- ✓A licensed physician who is also an acupuncturist must complete at least nine (9) hours of mandatory continuing education during each biennial licensure period as part of the licensed physician's 100 hours of continuing education and 2 hours of approved training in child abuse recognition and reporting for biennial renewal

Physician and Surgeon

- ✓Renewal Fee: $360
- ✓If you are actively practicing in Pennsylvania, professional liability insurance is required.

CE Requirement

- ✓100 hours of Board-approved continuing education (exempt if the initial license was issued 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2026).
  - 20 hours must be completed in American Medical Association (AMA) Category 1
  - 12 hours must be completed in activities related to patient safety or risk management.
  - The remaining hours shall be completed in either Category 1, or Category 2 approved activities
- ✓2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training from an approved provider, counted towards the 100-hour requirement).
- ✓2 hours of Act 124 Opioid continuing education, which shall be counted towards the total 100 hours requirement (not required if you do not have a DEA registration and do not prescribe controlled substances).
- ✓Effective May 1, 2026, medical doctors must complete at least 2 hours of continuing education in organ and tissue donation and recovery process one time within 5 years of initial licensure or renewal, whichever comes first.
- ✓If your license is placed into Active-Retired status, you are exempt from all continuing education ***except*** the 2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training and 2 hours of Act 124 Opioid continuing education.
- ✓Credit will *not* be granted for courses in office management or practice building.

Physician Assistant

- ✓Renewal Fee: $40
- ✓Professional liability insurance in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is required.

CE Requirement

- ✓2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training from an approved provider
- ✓2 hours of Act 124 Opioid continuing education (not required if you do not have a DEA registration and do not prescribe controlled substances).
- ✓Must hold current NCCPA certification.

Practitioner of Oriental Medicine

- ✓Renewal Fee: $40
- ✓Professional liability insurance in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is required.

CE Requirement

- ✓2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training from an approved provider
- ✓Must also meet continuing education requirements applicable to their acupuncture license.

Respiratory Therapist

✓Renewal Fee: $30

CE Requirement

✓30 hours of Board-approved continuing education

- At least 10 hours of traditional continuing education (live or real-time).
- No more than 20 hours of non-traditional continuing education (internet presentations, journal review programs, prerecorded audio or video presentations).
- No more than 8 hours in advanced life support courses (advanced cardiac life support, neonatal advanced life support/neonatal resuscitation and pediatric advanced life support).
- One (1) hour in patient safety.
- One (1) hour in medical ethics.

✓2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training from an approved provider, counted towards the 30-hour requirement.

✓Credit will *not* be given for continuing education in basic life support or courses in office management and financial procedures.