

## **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **Board of Nursing**

#### **(Amendment)**

#### **201 KAR 20:620. Licensing requirements for licensed certified professional midwives.**

RELATES TO: KRS 194A.540, 314.400 – 314.414, 620.020

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 314.131(1), 314.404

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 314.131(1) authorizes the Board of Nursing to promulgate administrative regulations as may be necessary to enable it to carry into effect the provisions of KRS Chapter 314. KRS 314.404(2) requires the board to promulgate an administrative regulation to establish licensing requirements for licensed certified professional midwives. KRS 314.404(5) requires the board to promulgate an administrative regulation to establish fees. This administrative regulation establishes the fees and requirements for initial licensure, renewal, and reinstatement for licensed certified professional midwives.

#### Section 1. Fees.

- (1) The fee for initial licensure shall be \$165.
- (2) The fee for licensure renewal shall be \$165.
- (3) The fee for licensure reinstatement shall be \$165.
- (4) Unless otherwise specified in this section, fees enumerated in 201 KAR 20:240 shall apply.

Section 2. Initial Licensure. An applicant for initial licensure as a licensed certified professional midwife (LCPM) shall complete the Application for Licensure as a Licensed Professional Midwife and pay the fee for initial licensure as established in Section 1 of this administrative regulation.

#### Section 3. Educational Requirements.

- (1) An applicant for initial licensure as an LCPM shall provide evidence that the program from which the applicant graduated is accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC).
- (2) An applicant shall also provide a copy of his or her official transcript.
- (3)
  - (a) If the applicant was certified by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) before January 1, 2020, through an educational pathway not accredited by MEAC, the applicant shall provide evidence of having earned the Midwifery Bridge Certificate issued by NARM. This shall be in lieu of an official transcript.
  - (b) If the applicant is licensed in another state that does not require an accredited education, the applicant shall provide evidence of having earned the Midwifery Bridge Certificate issued by NARM and proof of licensure in the other state.
- (4) An applicant shall provide evidence of current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) for health care providers and Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) certifications.
- (5) An applicant shall complete a pediatric abusive head trauma course described in KRS 620.020(8) and a domestic violence course described in KRS 194A.540 and provide evidence to the board at the time of application.

Section 4. Competency Validation. An applicant shall provide evidence of having passed the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) Examination and been granted certification by NARM.

Section 5. Criminal Record Check.

- (1) Within six (6) months of the date of the application, an applicant shall request a criminal record check by the Department of Kentucky State Police (KSP) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) using the FBI Applicant Fingerprint Card and including any required fee to the KSP and the FBI.
- (2) An applicant shall provide a certified or attested copy of the court record of any misdemeanor or felony conviction and a letter of explanation that addresses each conviction at the time of application.

Section 6. Action in Another Jurisdiction. An applicant shall provide a certified copy of any disciplinary action taken on any professional or business license in another jurisdiction and a letter of explanation at the time of application.

Section 7. License.

- (1) An applicant who meets the requirements of KRS 314.404 and Sections 1 through 6 of this administrative regulation shall be issued a license to practice as an LCPM.
- (2) The Application for Licensure as a Licensed Professional Midwife shall follow the periods for length and renewal in accordance with 201 KAR 20:085, Sections 1 and 2 and may be renewed pursuant to Section 8 of this administrative regulation.

Section 8. Renewal.

- (1) A license to practice as an LCPM may be renewed by completing the Licensure Renewal Application for a Licensed Professional Midwife and paying the fee established in Section 1 of this administrative regulation.
- (2) The LCPM shall provide evidence of current certification with NARM at the time of renewal.
- (3) The LCPM shall provide evidence of current BLS and NRP certifications at the time of renewal.

Section 9. Reinstatement.

- (1) If the LCPM license has lapsed, an applicant may file the Application for Licensure as a Licensed Professional Midwife to request reinstatement and pay the fee established in Section 1 of this administrative regulation.
- (2) The LCPM shall provide evidence of current certification with NARM at the time of application for reinstatement.
- (3) The LCPM shall provide evidence of current BLS and NRP certifications at the time of application for reinstatement.
- (4) An applicant for reinstatement shall also meet the requirements of Sections 5 and 6 of this administrative regulation.

Section 10. For the purposes of the practice as an LCPM, an LCPM shall use the name under which he or she is licensed with the board of nursing.

Section 11. Incorporation by Reference.

- (1) The following material is incorporated by reference:
  - (a) "Application for Licensure as a Licensed Professional Midwife", 2/2023; and
  - (b) "Licensure Renewal Application for a Licensed Professional Midwife", 2/2023.
- (2) This material may be inspected, copied, or obtained, subject to applicable copyright law, at the Kentucky Board of Nursing, 312 Whittington Parkway, Suite 300, Louisville, Kentucky 40222, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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(201 KAR 020:620. 46 Ky.R. 2166, 2898; eff. 7-29-2020; 49 Ky.R. 422, 1057; eff. 11-15-2022; 50 Ky.R. 419; 1065; eff. 12-13-2023; TAm eff. 12-13-2023; 51 Ky.R. 1807; eff. 7-30-2025.)

*AUDRIA DENKER, President*

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**PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD:** A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on May 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Kentucky Board of Nursing, 312 Whittington Parkway, Ste 300, Louisville, KY 40222. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by May 20, 2025, five workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing was received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through May 31, 2025. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person or submit a comment at: <https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/Nursing/PendReg>.

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