

**MONTANA BOARD OF NURSING**  
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**EMAIL: [nurse@mt.gov](mailto:nurse@mt.gov) WEBSITE: [nurse.mt.gov](http://nurse.mt.gov)**  
**ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL: [ebiz.mt.gov/pol](http://ebiz.mt.gov/pol)**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR AN APRN LICENSE**

(This application is for APRN practice and Prescriptive Authority endorsement)

**FEES**

- Application fee is \$75.00 per APRN certification.
- Application fee is \$100.00 for a prescriptive authority endorsement.
- Fees are payable to the Montana Board of Nursing by check, money order, or cashier's check.
- Please enclose your payment with your application.
- All application fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and must be received with your application to insure proper processing.
- Submission of fees and application does not ensure issuance of a license.

**INITIAL APRN LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS** (see ARM [24.159.1412](#))

- Possess a current Montana RN license or a current multistate RN license from another [Nurse Licensure Compact](#) state, or must submit an RN application concurrently with your APRN application.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that official transcript, showing degree awarded and date degree was conferred, is sent from the advanced nursing educational program directly to the Montana Board of Nursing (electronic submissions can be sent from the educational institution to [dlibsdhelp@mt.gov](mailto:dlibsdhelp@mt.gov))
- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure evidence of preceptorship, if not reflected on the transcript (ie – as clinical or practicum), is sent from the educational institution directly to the Montana Board of Nursing.
- Provide proof of current national certification in the APRN role and population focus, congruent with education preparation.

**APRN LICENSURE BY CREDENTIALING REQUIREMENTS** (If you have an active APRN license in another state. Also referred to as ENDORSEMENT in the Board of Nursing rules.)

- Possess a current Montana RN license or a current multistate RN license from another [Nurse Licensure Compact](#) state, or must submit an RN application concurrently with your APRN application.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that official transcript, showing degree awarded and date degree was conferred, is sent from the advanced nursing educational program directly to the Montana Board of Nursing (electronic submissions can be sent from the educational institution to [dlibsdhelp@mt.gov](mailto:dlibsdhelp@mt.gov))
- The applicant is responsible for requesting official verification of RN/APRN licensure from all jurisdictions for the preceding 2 years. (Use the License Verification form found on the Board website under Forms if jurisdiction(s) does not participate with NURSYS).
- Provide proof of current national certification in the APRN role and population focus, congruent with education preparation.

**PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS** (see ARM [24.159.1463](#))

- INITIAL ENDORSEMENT:
  - If you have graduated from an accredited program in the last 5 years, submit:
    - Evidence of successful completion of a graduate level course of three semester credits in advanced pharmacology that includes instruction in pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacotherapeutics of all broad categories of agents.
    - Evidence of successful completion of a graduate level course that includes differential diagnosis/disease management.
    - Evidence of supervised clinical practice that integrates pharmacologic intervention with patient management.

- If you have graduated from an accredited program more than 5 years ago, must complete: either a graduate level course of three semester credits or 45 contact hours of continuing education (during the last 5 years) that includes instruction in pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacotherapeutics of all broad categories of agents.
- ENDORSEMENT BY CREDENTIALING (if you hold prescriptive authority in another state)
  - Applicant is responsible for including evidence of a current unencumbered APRN license with prescriptive authority in another board jurisdiction (use license verification form under Forms tab on Board website or NURSYS if jurisdiction participates).

**VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE** (Proof of licensure from other states, if applicable)

- The applicant is responsible for requesting official verification from their original state of nursing licensure and ALL professional licenses held, regardless of status.
  - Common professional licenses or certifications include CNA or EMT; expired or active, used or unused –if you have held one of these or a similar professional certification or license in another state, you will need to request verification be sent from that state agency to the Montana Board of Nursing. Licenses or certifications held in Montana need to be reported but verifications do not need to be requested.
- If the state(s) in which you are licensed participate in the NURSYS database, complete the NURSYS verification application (via the NURSYS website [www.nursys.com](http://www.nursys.com) and pay the required fees).
- For states that do not participate with the NURSYS database, or for verifications of non-nursing licensure, you will need to request verification directly from the Board that issued your license (see Forms on Board website).
- Photocopies of licenses do not qualify as official verification and should not be included with your application.

**RENEWAL**

- All licenses expire on December 31 every two years.
- Renewal notices are mailed 45 days prior to the expiration date to your address of record. A change of address form is available at [nurse.mt.gov](http://nurse.mt.gov) under Quick Links.
- All APRNs licensed in Montana must maintain proof of 24 continuing education credits per two year licensing period. If prescriptive authority endorsement is held by APRN, 12 of the 24 contact hours must be completed in pharmacology, pharmacotherapeutics, and/or clinical management of drug therapy.

**NON-ROUTINE APPLICATIONS** (see ARM [24.159.403](#))

- If the completed application is non-routine, there may be a delay in processing.
- The Board may request that you provide additional information and you may be requested to be available in person or by phone for the Board during a regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- An application and ALL supporting documentation must be received by the Board 15 business days prior to a scheduled Board meeting. Please refer to our website for Board meeting dates.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS**

- It is critical to your licensure to not withhold any information regarding each question on the application.
- The applicant will be notified of any deficiencies in their application.
- The licensure status can be viewed at [Licensee Lookup](#) or within 24 hours of license issuance on [www.nursys.com](http://www.nursys.com) (Quick Confirm).
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to keep the Board office informed of any name changes, address changes, changes in licensure status, complaints or proposed disciplinary action against you in this or any other state. The change of address form is available at [nurse.mt.gov](http://nurse.mt.gov) under Quick Links.
- The practice of nursing in Montana is governed by the Board's Statutes and Administrative Rules. These are found at [nurse.mt.gov](http://nurse.mt.gov) under Regulations.

**FINGERPRINT/BACKGROUND CHECK PROCESS**

- Applicants shall submit fingerprints to Montana Department of Justice following the instructions on p. 12-14 of this application packet.
- Instructions can also be found on the Board website ([nurse.mt.gov](http://nurse.mt.gov)) under Forms.

**ILLEGIBLE AND INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED.**

Application fees must be paid before your application can be reviewed. When the Board has all necessary documentation, your application will be processed. Incomplete applications expire 12 months from the date received by the Board of Nursing.

**ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PRACTICE IN MONTANA IN ANY MANNER WITHOUT AN ACTIVE MONTANA LICENSE and if applicable, A PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY ENDORSEMENT**

**APPLICATION FOLLOWS**



10. YOUR ETHNICITY:
- |                                  |                                    |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| American Indian or Alaska Native | Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |
| Asian                            | Other                              |
| Black/African American           | Prefer Not to Answer               |
| Hispanic/Latino Native           | White/Caucasian                    |

11. APRN EDUCATION

Name of college/university attended: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of graduation (MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

12. NATIONAL CERTIFICATION INFORMATION (choose all that apply)

AANP-CP      AACN      AMCB      ANCC      NBCRNA      NCC      PNCB

13. PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY (required only for those seeking prescriptive authority endorsement)

Do you hold prescriptive authority in another state?      Yes, list state(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 No

14. LICENSE VERIFICATION DOCUMENTS

List any nursing licenses that you have held in the past two years.

State	Other Jurisdiction	License Type	License Number	Verification Requested	
				Yes	No

15. PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Please only list professional and occupational licenses that have been issued to you from this agency. Do not include driver license, hunting license, etc.

Licensed in Montana?	License Type	License Number	State
Yes      No			
Yes      No			
Yes      No			

16. NONCRIMINAL JUSTICE APPLICANT'S RIGHTS FORM

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Applicant Rights & Consent to Fingerprint Notice and Procedure to Change, Correct, or Update Record, and Privacy Act Statement (pages 10-11 of this document) and that I consent to provide and use my fingerprints for the stated purpose.

Yes      No

**PERSONAL HISTORY QUESTIONS**

- Please read the following questions carefully. Giving an incomplete or false answer is unprofessional conduct and may result in denial of your application or revocation of your license. See [37-1-105](#), MCA.
- You have a continuing duty to update the information you provide in your application and supplemental responses, including while your application is pending and after you are granted a license.
- Upon submittal of your application form, for every “yes” answer provided, you will receive a request for specific information or documents associated with the question. Your application is not complete until staff receive all information requested.

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| 17. | Have you ever had any license, certificate, registration, or other privilege to serve as a volunteer or practice a profession denied, revoked, suspended, or restricted by a public or private local, state, federal, tribal, religious, or foreign authority? | Yes | No |
| 18. | Have you ever surrendered a credential like those listed in number 17, in connection with or to avoid action by a public or private local, state, federal, tribal, religious, or foreign authority?  | Yes | No |
| 19. | Have you ever resigned to avoid discipline, been suspended, or been terminated from a volunteer or employment position?  | Yes | No |
| 20. | Have you ever been required to participate in a behavioral modification or assistance program in lieu of suspension or termination from a volunteer or employment position?  | Yes | No |
| 21. | Have you ever withdrawn an application for any professional license?   | Yes | No |
| 22. | As of the date of this application, are you aware of any pending complaint, investigation, or disciplinary action related to any professional license you hold?  | Yes | No |
| 23. | Are you under a current order that remains unsatisfied (e.g., fines unpaid, probation not concluded, conditions unmet?)  | Yes | No |

**Note on Questions 24 and 25:** Applicants who disclose medical, physiological, mental, or psychological conditions or chemical substance use in Question 24 or 25 may qualify for participation in the Montana Professional Assistance Program. Please visit the board website for more information about this program.

"Chemical substances" include alcohol, drugs, or medications, whether taken legally or illegally.

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| 24. | Do you have any medical, physiological, mental, or psychological condition which in any way currently (within the last 6 months) impairs or limits your ability to practice your profession or occupation with reasonable skill and safety? | Yes | No |
| 25. | Do you currently (within the last 6 months) use one or more chemical substances in any way which impairs or limits your ability to practice your profession or occupation with reasonable skill and safety?                                 | Yes | No |

**The following information is provided for Question 26 below:**

A criminal conviction may not automatically bar you from receiving a license. For more information about how a criminal conviction may impact your application, consult the Board website under the FAQ tab.

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| 26. | Have you ever been convicted, entered a plea of guilty, no contest, or a similar plea, or had prosecution or sentence deferred or suspended as an adult or “juvenile convicted as an adult” in any state, federal, tribal, or foreign jurisdiction?  | Yes | No |
| 27. | Are you now subject to criminal prosecution or pending criminal charges?   | Yes | No |
| 28. | Have you ever been disciplined, censured, expelled, denied membership or asked to resign from a professional society or organization?  | Yes | No |
| 29. | Have you ever had a civil judgment entered against you in a lawsuit for incompetence, negligence, or malpractice in practicing any profession?   | Yes | No |
| 30. | Have you ever been disqualified from working with children, elderly persons, mentally ill persons, or other vulnerable persons?  | Yes | No |
| 31. | Have you ever been placed on probation, restricted, reprimanded, suspended, revoked, resigned in lieu of action against you, or had other action taken against you by any hospital, clinic, health care facility, group medical practice, health maintenance organization, or third-party insurance provider, including Medicare and Medicaid? | Yes | No |
| 32. | Are you currently on an exclusion list by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services prohibiting you from working in a facility receiving federal funding?   | Yes | No |
| 33. | Has your authority to prescribe, dispense, or administer drugs, including controlled substances, ever been denied, restricted, suspended, or revoked?  | Yes | No |
| 34. | Have you ever voluntarily surrendered or had your U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration registration placed on probation, restricted, suspended, or revoked?  | Yes | No |

**DECLARATION**

I authorize the release of information concerning my education, training record, character, license history and competence to practice, by anyone who might possess such information, to the Montana Board of Nursing. I hereby declare under penalty of perjury the information included in my application to be true and complete to the best of my knowledge. In signing this application, I am aware that a false statement or evasive answer to any question may lead to denial of my application or subsequent revocation of licensure on ethical grounds.

I have read and will abide by the current licensure statutes and rules of the State of Montana governing the profession. I will abide by the current laws and rules that govern my practice.

Legal signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_







# Montana Department of LABOR & INDUSTRY

Business Standards Division

## SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Applicants for professional licenses must provide a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN), if they have one, to facilitate child support enforcement, see, 42 USC § 666(a)(13) and § 37-1-307, Mont. Code Ann. The Division is also required to use an SSN to report certain license types to the National Health Care Databank, see, 42 USC § 1320a – 7e and 45 CFR § 60.15. An SSN is not required to receive or renew a license. An applicant for initial application who does not have an SSN must complete the following:

### ATTESTATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am applying for a  
Printed, Full Name of Applicant or Licensee

Montana license as a \_\_\_\_\_.

I have not been assigned a Social Security Number and am not required to have a Social Security Number. If assigned an SSN after the date of this affidavit, I will immediately report it to the Department of Labor & Industry or its successor administrator.

I declare under penalty of perjury under Mont. Code Ann. §§ 1-6-105 and 45-7-201 that the foregoing ATTESTATION is true and correct. Providing a deliberate falsification is punishable by prison or fine under Mont. Code Ann. § 45-7-202. Providing false information is grounds for denial or summary suspension and revocation of a license, certification, registration or permit under Mont. Code Ann. § 37-1-316.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Address of Record

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State/Province

\_\_\_\_\_  
Country

\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code



## **APPLICANT RIGHTS & CONSENT TO FINGERPRINT NOTICE**

As required by 28 CFR § 50.12, you are advised that your fingerprints will be used to check the criminal history records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Montana Department of Justice for the sole purpose of applying for professional licensure. Any resulting criminal history record will be retained for this purpose only and will not be disseminated outside of the Montana Department of Labor & Industry and related licensing board or program.

A Privacy Act Statement further explaining authority, principal purpose and routine use by the FBI of your information is included on the following page.

## **CHANGE, CORRECT, OR UPDATE RECORD**

Procedures for you to obtain a change, correction, or update to your criminal history record are set forth in Title 28, C.F.R. § 16.30 - 16.34.

Our office will notify you if a disqualifying criminal offense is found in your criminal history record and give you a reasonable opportunity to challenge or correct the information, or decline to do so, before making a licensure decision.

If we notify you of a disqualifying conviction in your criminal history record, you may contact board or program licensing staff at the Business Standards Division of the Department of Labor & Industry to obtain a copy of your criminal history record. You can view your criminal history record in person, have it mailed to you, or sent to you by the State of Montana File Transfer Service. For security reasons, the criminal history record cannot be emailed to you.

If, after review, you believe your criminal history record is incorrect or incomplete and wish to change, correct, or update the alleged deficiency, you should apply directly to the law enforcement agency that contributed the questioned information. Alternatively, you may send your challenge directly to the FBI. The FBI will then forward your challenge to the law enforcement agency that contributed the question information requesting the agency to verify or correct the challenged entry. Upon receipt of an official communication from that agency, the FBI will make any necessary changes in accordance with the information supplied by that agency. Information regarding this process may be obtained at [www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks](http://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks).

Within 10 calendar days of the date of receiving the results of the criminal history record, you must notify the board or program licensing staff if you have challenged your record by providing a copy of the correspondence you have submitted as referenced above. If the licensing board or program has not received a copy of such correspondence within 10 calendar days, licensing staff will schedule a disposition on the issuance of your license based on the record in its possession.

## Privacy Act Statement

*The Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Business Standards Division is required by federal law to provide you this privacy act statement. This statement is also located on the back of the FD-258 fingerprint card.*

“Authority: The FBI’s acquisition, preservation, and exchange of fingerprints and associated information is generally authorized under 28 U.S.C. 534. Depending on the nature of your application, supplemental authorities include Federal statutes, State statutes pursuant to Pub. L. 92-544, Presidential Executive Orders, and federal regulations. Providing your fingerprints and associated information is voluntary; however, failure to do so may affect completion or approval of your application.

Principal Purpose: Certain determinations, such as employment, licensing, and security clearances, may be predicated on fingerprint-based background checks. Your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics may be provided to the employing, investigating, or otherwise responsible agency, and/or the FBI for the purpose of comparing your fingerprints to other fingerprints in the FBI’s Next Generation Identification (NGI) system or its successor systems (including civil, criminal, and latent fingerprint repositories) or other available records of the employing, investigating, or otherwise responsible agency. The FBI may retain your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics in NGI after the completion of this application and, while retained, your fingerprints may continue to be compared against other fingerprints submitted to or retained by NGI.

Routine Uses: During the processing of this application and for as long thereafter as your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics are retained in NGI, your information may be disclosed pursuant to your consent, and may be disclosed without your consent as permitted by the Privacy Act of 1974 and all applicable Routine Uses as may be published at any time in the Federal Register, including the Routine Uses for the NGI system and the FBI’s Blanket Routine Uses. Routine uses include, but are not limited to, disclosures to: employing, governmental or authorized non-governmental agencies responsible for employment, contracting, licensing, security clearances, and other suitability determinations; local, state, tribal, or federal law enforcement agencies; criminal justice agencies; and agencies responsible for national security or public safety.” *Eff. 03/30/2018*

**By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the above Applicant Rights & Consent to Fingerprint Notice and Procedure to Change, Correct, or Update Record, and Privacy Act Statement and that I consent to provide and use my fingerprints for the stated purpose.**

Applicant  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Legibly

*Directions to Applicant:* Return a signed copy of this document to the Department of Labor & Industry and maintain a copy for your own records.



## INSTRUCTIONS TO OBTAIN FINGERPRINT BACKGROUND CHECK

Carefully read and follow the steps in the order specified below:

1. **Submit a license application to the BSD online or by paper and an application fee. The application includes an *Applicant Rights & Consent to Fingerprint Notice*.** This form authorizes our agency to receive and review your fingerprint background check results. **Any fingerprint background check results received without your acknowledgement of receipt of an *Applicant Rights & Consent Notice (acknowledged received if online or signed and returned to us if on paper) may be discarded.***
2. You may continue to work on completing your application while the results are processed (e.g., forwarding transcripts or verifications) but if you have not completed your application within six months after our receipt of the results, you will be required to resubmit your fingerprints to obtain a current background check results.
3. You have two options to have your fingerprints captured:
4. **Option 1** – Participating Local Law Enforcement Agency (estimated time to send results to the Board or Program **4 to 8 weeks**). Contact the Law Enforcement Agency in advance to ask if it performs non-criminal fingerprinting and if so, the need for an appointment, forms of acceptable identification, hours of operation, cost, and methods of payment. Find out if the agency will supply the appropriate Fingerprint Card (Form FD258 rev. 5-15-17) or if you need to obtain the card from MDOJ prior to arriving.

**- OR -**

**Option 2** – Montana Department of Justice (MDOJ), Division of Criminal Investigations-Criminal Records (estimated time to send results to the Board or Program **3 to 5 business days**). Before traveling to Helena, you must first schedule an appointment online at <https://dojmt.gov> and click on the link for fingerprint appointments where you will be directed to log in or create an account. Please direct questions to the MDOJ contact information as follows:

2225 Eleventh Avenue  
PO Box 201403  
Helena, MT 59620  
Email: [dojcriss@mt.gov](mailto:dojcriss@mt.gov) (406) 444-3625

5. You *may* be charged a fee to capture each set of your fingerprints. This fee is in addition to the processing fee paid to MDOJ to run the background check.
6. Provide the technician with a government-issued, photograph identification to prove your identity.

7. **IMPORTANT:** Provide the technician a copy of a Fingerprint Card Example for the license type you are applying for that contains information ***unique to your license type***. The fingerprint card must have all fields correctly filled out to be accepted by the MDOJ.
8. Request the technician to capture your fingerprints TWICE and create TWO fingerprint cards to help avoid unnecessary delay due to rejection of poor quality prints. This is especially important if your fingerprints are ink-rolled.
9. If using a Local Law Enforcement Agency, you must mail the completed Fingerprint Card in a manila envelope with the correct amount of postage and a check or money order made payable to the “Montana Department of Justice” in the amount of **\$30.00** to:

Montana Criminal Records  
2225 Eleventh Avenue  
PO Box 201403  
Helena, MT 59620

Please do **NOT** fold or staple the fingerprint card. Please do **NOT** upload the fingerprint card to your online account with the Department of Labor & Industry, Business Standards Division.

10. You will be notified to take corrective action if your fingerprint card is rejected as “unreadable,” is not accompanied by proper payment, or is incomplete. A second rejection of a fingerprint card as “unreadable” will require BSD to conduct a name-based search, resulting in additional processing time.
11. Once a fingerprint card or name-based search is processed, the resulting criminal history (aka “Identity History Summary”) result will be sent directly to the Board in care of the Business Standards Division. If there is a conviction or convictions that require Board review, we will notify you.
12. Notice of your privacy rights and procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or updating of an Identity History Summary are provided to you separately in the *Applicant Rights & Consent to Fingerprint Notice*.

End of Instructions

