



# Chiropractor License Application Packet

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## Important Social Security Number Information:

If you have a Social Security Number, the law requires you to disclose it on your application for a professional or occupational license. [42 U.S.C. § 666\(a\)\(13\); RCW 26.23.150](#). It will be used under the state’s child support enforcement program to locate individuals for purposes of establishing paternity and establishing, modifying, and enforcing support obligations. You are not required to have or obtain a Social Security Number to apply for or obtain a license from the Department of Health. If you do not have a Social Security Number, you are still eligible to apply for and obtain a credential if you meet the requirements. Please see the [Declaration of No Social Security Number Form](#). Please call the Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission at 360-236-2822 if you have questions.

## In order to process your request:

**Mail your application with Initial documentation and your check or money order payable to:**

Department of Health  
P.O. Box 1099  
Olympia, WA 98507-1099

**Send other documents not sent with initial application to:**

Chiropractic Commission  
P.O. Box 47858  
Olympia, WA 98504-7858

## Contact us:

360-236-2822

To request this document in another format, call 1-800-525-0127. Deaf or hard of hearing customers, please call 711 (Washington Relay) or email [civil.rights@doh.wa.gov](mailto:civil.rights@doh.wa.gov).

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## Application Instructions Checklist

**Important background check Information:** Washington State law authorizes the Department of Health to obtain fingerprint-based background checks for licensing purposes. This check may be through the Washington State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This may be required if you have lived in another state or if you have a criminal record in Washington State. This would be at your own expense.

All information should be printed clearly in blue or black ink. It is your responsibility to submit the correct required forms.

**Application Fee.** This fee is non-refundable. You can check the online [fee page](#) for current fees.

**Select what you are applying for:** Initial or Temporary Practice Permit.

**Select if the following applies:**  
Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner of Military Personnel

**1. Demographic Information:**

**Social Security Number:** You must list your social security number on your application. You are not required to have or obtain a Social Security Number to apply for or obtain a license from the Department of Health. Please see the [Declaration of No Social Security Number Form](#). Please call the Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission at 360-236-2822 if you do not have one.

**National Provider Identifier Number (NPI):** The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a standard unique identifier for health care professionals available from the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The NPI is a 10 digit numeric identifier. If you have a NPI number, provide this on your application.

**Legal Name:** List your full name: first, middle and last.

**Definition of legal name:** “Legal name” is the name appearing on your official certificate of birth or, if your name has changed since birth, on an official marriage certificate or an order by a court. The court must have the legal authority to change your name. We may ask you to prove your legal name. If you use any name other than your legal name on this form, your application may be denied.

**Birth date:** Provide the month, day and year of your birth.

**Address:** List the address we should use to send any information about your license. Be sure to include the city, state, zip code, county, and country. This will be your permanent address with Department of Health until we have been notified of a change. See [WAC 246-12-310](#).

**Phone, Fax, and Cell Numbers:** Enter your phone, fax, and cell numbers, if you have them.

**Email:** Enter your email address, if you have one.

**Other Name(s):** Indicate whether you are known or have been known under any other names. If you have a name change, you must notify the Department of Health in writing. You must include proof of this change. See [WAC 246-12-300](#).

**2. Personal Data Questions:**

All applicants must answer the same personal data questions. They are focused on your fitness to practice the essential skills of this profession.

If you answer “yes” to any questions in this section, you must provide an appropriate explanation. You must also provide the documentation listed in the note after the question. If you do not provide this, your application is incomplete and it will not be considered.

- Question 5 includes misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors and felonies. You do not have to answer yes if you have been cited for traffic infractions. You can get copies of court records through the county courthouse where the conviction, plea, deferred sentence, or suspended sentence was entered.
- Another jurisdiction means any other country, state, federal territory, or military authority.

**3. Training and Education:**

List in date order all colleges, universities, and chiropractic school(s). Include all periods of time from pre-chiropractic school to present, whether or not engaged in activities related to chiropractic. Attach additional completed pages if you need more space.

**4. Experience:**

List in date order all your professional experience and practice from date of graduation from chiropractic college. Attach additional pages if you need more space.

**5. Other License, Certification, or Registration:**

List all states where credentials are or were held. Attach additional pages if you need more space.

**6. Applicant’s Attestation:**

You must sign and date this for us to process the application.

**For Spouses and Registered Domestic Partners of Military Personnel Being Transferred or Stationed in Washington:**

Under state law, if you are the spouse or state-registered domestic partner of a servicemember of any branch of the U.S. Military, to include Guard or Reserve, and are applying for a health care professional credential in this state, you may be eligible to have the processing of your application expedited to receive your credential more quickly.

Documents to submit with your application should include the following:

- A copy of your spouse’s or registered domestic partner’s military transfer orders to Washington State.
- One of the following:
  - A copy of your marriage certificate to show proof of marriage; or
  - A copy of a state’s declaration or registration showing you are in a state registered domestic partnership with a member of the U.S. military.



## License Requirements

Thank you for applying for become a Chiropractor in Washington State. In order to qualify for licensure you must complete the following:

Complete and submit the application and [fee](#).

**Jurisprudence Examination:**

After all documents have been received and the application is complete, the jurisprudence examination will be mailed. You will have 30 days from the date of receipt to complete and return the following:

- Examination Booklet
- Answer Sheet
- Comment Sheet

Your chiropractic license will be issued after successfully passing the jurisprudence examination with a minimum score of 95 percent.

**Letter of recommendation:**

You must have one letter of recommendation.

**Other License, Certification, or Registration:**

Credential verifications must be requested by the applicant and submitted directly from every state.

**Transcripts**—An applicant must submit the following, as required in [WAC 246-808-105](#):

- An official transcript and diploma certified by the registrar from an approved chiropractic college.
- Official transcripts from pre-chiropractic schools showing successful completion of at least two years of liberal arts and sciences study.

**Examination:**

An official certificate of proficiency sent directly to the commission from the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE), parts I, II, III, & IV.

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## Chiropractor License Application

Select One:     Initial License     Temporary Permit

Select if the following applies:     Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner of Military Personnel

### 1. Demographic Information

<b>Social Security Number (SSN)</b> (If you do not have a SSN, see instructions)	<b>National Provider Identifier Number (NPI)</b> (Enter 10 digit number)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer Not to Answer <input type="checkbox"/> X
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Name	First	Middle	Last
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Birth date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Address

City	State	Zip Code	County
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Country

Phone (enter 10 digit #)	Fax (enter 10 digit #)	Cell (enter 10 digit #)
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Email address

Mailing address (if different from above)

City	State	Zip Code	County
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Country

Note: The mailing and email addresses you provide will be your addresses of record. It is your responsibility to maintain current contact information with the department.

Have you ever been known under any other name(s)?     Yes     No

If yes, list name(s):

Will documents be received in another name?     Yes     No

If yes, list name(s):

## 2. Personal Data Questions

Yes No

1. Do you have a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety? If yes, please attach explanation.....

**“Medical Condition”** includes physiological, mental or psychological conditions or disorders, such as, but not limited to orthopedic, visual, speech, and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, intellectual disabilities, emotional or mental illness, specific learning disabilities, HIV disease, tuberculosis, drug addiction, and alcoholism.

If you answered yes to question 1, explain:

- 1a. How your treatment has reduced or eliminated the limitations caused by your medical condition.
- 1b. How your field of practice, the setting or manner of practice has reduced or eliminated the limitations caused by your medical condition.

**Note: If you answered “yes” to question 1, the licensing authority will assess the nature, severity, and the duration of the risks associated with the ongoing medical condition and the ongoing treatment to determine whether your license should be restricted, conditions imposed, or no license issued.**

**The licensing authority may require you to undergo one or more mental, physical or psychological examination(s). This would be at your own expense. By submitting this application, you give consent to such an examination(s). You also agree the examination report(s) may be provided to the licensing authority. You waive all claims based on confidentiality or privileged communication. If you do not submit to a required examination(s) or provide the report(s) to the licensing authority, your application may be denied.**

2. Do you currently use chemical substance(s) in any way which impair or limit your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety? If yes, please explain.....

**“Currently”** means within the past two years.

**“Chemical substances”** include alcohol, drugs, or medications, whether taken legally or illegally.

3. Have you ever been diagnosed with, or treated for, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism or frotteurism?.....

4. Are you currently engaged in the illegal use of controlled substances?.....

**“Currently”** means within the past two years.

**Illegal use of controlled substances** is the use of controlled substances (e.g., heroin, cocaine) not obtained legally or taken according to the directions of a licensed health care practitioner.

**Note: If you answer “yes” to any of the remaining questions, provide an explanation and certified copies of all judgments, decisions, orders, agreements and surrenders. The department does criminal background checks on all applicants.**

5. Have you **ever** been convicted, entered a plea of guilty, no contest, or a similar plea, or had prosecution or a sentence deferred or suspended as an adult or juvenile in any state or jurisdiction? ..

**Note: If you answered “yes” to question 5, you must send certified copies of all court documents related to your criminal history with your application. If you do not provide the documents, your application is incomplete and will not be considered.**

**To protect the public, the department considers criminal history. A criminal history may not automatically bar you from obtaining a credential. However, failure to report criminal history may result in extra cost to you and the application may be delayed or denied.**



## 2. Personal Data Questions (cont.)

Yes No

6. Have you ever been found in any civil, administrative or criminal proceeding to have:
- a. Possessed, used, prescribed for use, or distributed controlled substances or legend drugs in any way other than for legitimate or therapeutic purposes? .....
  - b. Diverted controlled substances or legend drugs? .....
  - c. Violated any drug law? .....
  - d. Prescribed controlled substances for yourself? .....
7. Have you ever been found in any proceeding to have violated any state or federal law or rule regulating the practice of a health care profession? If "yes", please attach an explanation and provide copies of all judgments, decisions, and agreements? .....
8. Have you ever had any license, certificate, registration or other privilege to practice a health care profession denied, revoked, suspended, or restricted by a state, federal, or foreign authority? .....
9. Have you ever surrendered a credential like those listed in number 8, in connection with or to avoid action by a state, federal, or foreign authority? .....
10. Have you ever been named in any civil suit or suffered any civil judgment for incompetence, negligence, or malpractice in connection with the practice of a health care profession? .....
11. Have you ever been disqualified from working with vulnerable persons by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)? .....
12. To the best of your knowledge, are you the subject of an investigation by any licensing board as to the date of this application? .....

## 3. Training and Education

List the chiropractic school(s) that you attended. Include all periods of time from pre chiropractic school to the present, whether or not engaged in activities related to chiropractic. For more information see [RCW 18.25.020](#). Attach additional pages if you need more space.

Type of training and experience of practice and location	Start (mm/yyyy)	end (mm/yyyy)

#### 4. Professional Experience

List all the chiropractic experience and practice from date of graduation from professional college. Include the month, day, and year. For more information see [RCW 18.25.020](#). Attach additional pages if you need more space.

Type of training and experience of practice and location	Start (mm/yyyy)	end (mm/yyyy)

#### 5. Other License, Certification, or Registration

List all states, including Washington, where credentials are or were held. Specifically list credentials granted as temporary, reciprocity, exemption or similar with type, date, grantor, and if license is current. Attach additional pages if you need more space.

State	Profession	Credential		Permanent or temporary	License received by		Currently in force
		Year issued	Number		Examination	Other	
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				<input type="checkbox"/> Perm <input type="checkbox"/> Temp			
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## 6. Applicant's Attestation

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of  
(Print applicant name clearly)  
the state of Washington the following is true and correct:

- I am the person described and identified in this application.
- I have read [RCW 18.130.170](#) and [RCW 18.130.180](#) of the Uniform Disciplinary Act.
- I have answered all questions truthfully and completely.
- The documentation provided in support of my application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I have read all laws and rules related to my profession.

I understand the Department of Health may require more information before deciding on my application. The department may independently check conviction records with state or federal databases.

I authorize the release of any files or records the department requires to process this application. This includes information from all hospitals, educational or other organizations, my references, and past and present employers and business and professional associates. It also includes information from federal, state, local or foreign government agencies.

I understand I must inform the department of any past, current or future criminal charges or convictions. I will also inform the department of any physical or mental conditions that jeopardize my ability to provide quality health care. If requested, I will authorize my health providers to release to the department information on my health, including mental health and any substance abuse treatment.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/dd/yyyy) (City, state)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of applicant)

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Chiropractic Credentialing  
P.O. Box 47858  
Olympia, WA 98504-7858  
360-236-2822

## Letter of Recommendation

Please complete this reference form and return it directly to the address shown above.

This is to certify I have known \_\_\_\_\_

for \_\_\_\_\_ years, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, during which period he/she was engaged in the study or active practice of chiropractic. To the best of my knowledge he/she is of good moral and professional character, is free from habits which might interfere with his/her professional activities and is worthy of holding a license to practice Chiropractic in the state of Washington.

**Additional Comments:**

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**Note:** No member of the profession is expected to sign this Letter of Recommendation if you do not know the applicant personally, or are not willing to supply additional information concerning this person’s character and education, upon request from the Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print your name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (enter 10 digit #

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## Out-of-State Credential Verification

**To Applicant:**

Please complete this side of the form and send it to the state(s) and/or jurisdiction(s) where you are or have been licensed, certified, or registered as a healthcare provider.

Name: Last	First	Middle	
Mailing Address			
City		State	Zip Code
Phone (enter 10 digit #)		Cell (enter 10 digit #)	
Email address			
Any other names used:			
Washington State healthcare credential type you are applying for:			
Washington State healthcare credential number (if available):			Date Issued

Have the licensing agency return this completed form to the address listed above.

If you have any questions, please call 360-236-2822.

This form may be duplicated.

**(To be Completed by the Regulatory Agency)**

Please complete this form regarding the applicant listed on the reverse. Submit the completed form and any other requested material directly to this office at the address on the reverse. We will not accept the form if submitted by the applicant. Thank you.

Name of license, certification, or registration holder:		
Authority providing verification: (state, name & title)		
Type of healthcare license, certification or registration:		
Healthcare license, certification or registration number:		
Applicant was credentialed by:	Date:	Score:
<input type="checkbox"/> Written Examination		
Name of examination:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Examination	Date:	Score:
Name of examination:		
Is credential current: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Expiration Date:	
Is this individual considered to be in good standing in your state? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If "no," please attach explanation.		
Has this credential ever been denied?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Suspended?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Revoked?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Surrendered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Reinstated?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If "yes," please provide a copy of the final order or other documentation of action taken.		
If this credential holder has been disciplined, has he/she successfully completed all requirements and is currently in good standing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:



## **RCW/WAC and Online Website Links**

### **RCW/WAC Links**

The Revised Code of Washington (RCW) laws that relate to Chiropractic are under [RCW 18.25](#)

**Other relevant RCW's are:**

[Rebating by Practitioners of Healing Professions, RCW 19.68](#)

[Uniform Disciplinary Act, RCW 18.130](#)

[Administrative Procedure Act, RCW 34.05](#)

[Public Disclosure, RCW 42.17](#)

[Public Records Act, RCW 42.56](#)

The Washington Administrative Code (WAC) rules that relate to Chiropractic are under [WAC 246-808](#)

**Other relevant WAC's are:**

[Administrative Procedures and Requirements, WAC 246-12](#)

[Whistleblower Complaints in Health Care Setting, WAC 246-15](#)

[Standards of Professional Conduct, WAC 246-16](#)

### **Online Links**

[Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission, Web Page](#)