

**MICHIGAN MIDWIFE LICENSING GUIDE**

**LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST**

(Listed below are the minimum requirements needed to obtain a midwife license.)

**APPLICATION AND FEES**

- Online Application for a Midwife License - Complete all fields, answer all questions and upload any supporting documentation. Online application can be completed by visiting [www.michigan.gov/miplus](http://www.michigan.gov/miplus)
- Application Fee + 2 year license fee: (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, or Discover credit or debit card)  
 Midwife \$483.00  
 Temporary Midwife \$483.00  
 Midwife Relicensure \$503.00

**THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO ALL APPLICANTS**

- Criminal Background Check – Once the online application is completed and submitted you will be emailed an Application Confirmation letter containing instructions to complete the Criminal Background Check (except those applicants seeking relicensure, if the license expired within the last three years.)
- Good Moral Character Questions – Documentation and explanation will be required if you answer “yes” to either question to show at the current time you have the ability to, and are likely to, serve the public in a fair, honest and open manner, that you are rehabilitated, or that the substance of the former offense is not reasonably related to the occupation or profession for which you are seeking a license.
- Human Trafficking – Beginning August 1, 2024, completion of training to identify victims of human trafficking is required for initial licensure that meets the standards of Administrative Rule 338.17111.
- Social Security Number (SSN) – An individual applying for licensure is required to provide his or her social security number at the time of application. If exempt under law from obtaining a SSN or do not have a SSN, the SSN affidavit form will be required to be uploaded at the time the application is submitted.
- Verification/certification of Licensure – If you hold a current license or ever held a license as a midwife, verification of licensure will be required to be submitted directly to this office by the licensing agency of any state of the United States in which you hold or ever held a license. Verification can be emailed to [bpldata@michigan.gov](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mailed to Bureau of Professional Licensing PO BOX 30670 Lansing, MI 48909.

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### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS WHO ARE NOT LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE AS A MIDWIFE

- Evidence of completion of an educational program or pathway accredited by the Midwifery Education and Accreditation Council (MEAC) or another accrediting organization approved by the Board must be submitted directly to this office from the institution attended by email to [bpldata@michigan.gov](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mail to Bureau of Professional Licensing PO BOX 30670 Lansing, MI 48909.
- If an applicant has not completed an educational program or pathway accredited by MEAC or another accrediting organization approved by the Board but holds a credential of certified professional midwife (CPM) prior to January 1, 2020 then evidence of a midwifery bridge certificate awarded by North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) must be submitted directly to this office from NARM. Evidence can be emailed to [bpldata@michigan.gov](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mailed to Bureau of Professional Licensing PO BOX 30670 Lansing, MI 48909. To request evidence, NARM requires a Verification Letter Release Form to be completed. To obtain this form you may contact the NARM Applications Department at [applications2@narm.org](mailto:applications2@narm.org) or by phone at 931-964-4234.
- Evidence of holding an active CPM credential from NARM or an equivalent credential from another midwifery credentialing program approved by the Board and accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies or another accrediting organization approved by the board must be submitted directly to this office from the credentialing body. Evidence can be emailed to [bpldata@michigan.gov](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mailed to Bureau of Professional Licensing PO BOX 30670 Lansing, MI 48909.
- Submit certification of your NARM passing examination scores or MEAC educational program or pathway examination scores if approved by the Board directly to this office from the examination agency. Certification can be emailed to [bpldata@michigan.gov](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mailed to Bureau of Professional Licensing PO BOX 30670 Lansing, MI 48909. To request certification, NARM requires a Verification Letter Release Form to be completed. To obtain this form you may contact the NARM Applications Department at [applications2@narm.org](mailto:applications2@narm.org) or by phone at 931-964-4234.
- A licensed midwife shall have obtained his or her recredential or maintain his or her credential of CPM from NARM, or equivalent approved by the board, during the license cycle.

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS WHO ARE LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE AS A MIDWIFE

- Evidence of completion of an educational program or pathway accredited by the MEAC or another accrediting organization approved by the Board must be submitted directly to this office from the institution attended. Evidence can be emailed to [bpldata@michigan.gov](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mailed to Bureau of Professional Licensing PO BOX 30670 Lansing, MI 48909.
- If the state where the applicant holds the license does not require completion of an educational program or pathway for licensure, the department may determine that the applicant has met the educational program or pathway requirement if the applicant holds a credential of CPM from NARM. Proof of an active CPM credential from NARM must be submitted directly to this office from the credentialing body. Proof can be emailed to [bpldata@michigan.gov](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mailed to Bureau of Professional Licensing PO BOX 30670 Lansing,

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MI 48909. To request certification, NARM requires a Verification Letter Release Form to be completed. To obtain this form you may contact the NARM Applications Department at [applications2@narm.org](mailto:applications2@narm.org) or by phone at 931-964-4234.

- If an applicant has not completed an educational program or pathway accredited by MEAC or another accrediting organization approved by the Board but holds a credential of certified professional midwife (CPM) prior to January 1, 2020 then evidence of a midwifery bridge certificate awarded by North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) must be submitted directly to this office from NARM. Evidence can be emailed to [bpldata@michigan.gov](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mailed to Bureau of Professional Licensing PO BOX 30670 Lansing, MI 48909. To request evidence, NARM requires a Verification Letter Release Form to be completed. To obtain this form you may contact the NARM Applications Department at [applications2@narm.org](mailto:applications2@narm.org) or by phone at 931-964-4234.
- Evidence of holding an active CPM credential from NARM or an equivalent credential from another midwifery credentialing program approved by the Board and accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies or another accrediting organization approved by the board must be submitted directly to this office from the credentialing body. Evidence can be emailed to [bpldata@michigan.gov](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mailed to Bureau of Professional Licensing PO BOX 30670 Lansing, MI 48909.
- Certification of your NARM passing examination scores or MEAC educational program or pathway examination scores if approved by the Board sent directly to this office from the examination agency by email to [bpldata@michigan.gov](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mail to Bureau of Professional Licensing PO BOX 30670 Lansing, MI 48909. To request certification, NARM requires a Verification Letter Release Form to be completed. To obtain this form you may contact the NARM Applications Department at [applications2@narm.org](mailto:applications2@narm.org) or by phone at 931-964-4234.

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR A TEMPORARY MIDWIFE LICENSE

- Evidence of CPM credential from a non-accredited midwifery education program must be submitted directly to this office from the program provider by email to [bpldata@michigan.gov](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mail to Bureau of Professional Licensing PO BOX 30670 Lansing, MI 48909.
- To qualify for a midwifery license once the temporary midwifery license expires, the applicant will have to hold the midwifery bridge certificate.
- Temporary Midwife License is valid for 24 months and is nonrenewable.

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE APPLYING FOR RELICENSURE

- Online application can be completed by visiting [www.michigan.gov/miplus](http://www.michigan.gov/miplus), select **MiPLUS Login**, select **"Modification"** next to your license number and then select **"Relicensure."**

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### **Applicants for relicensure whose license has lapsed for less than 3 years and who does not hold a license in another state the following is required:**

- Establish that he or she is of good moral character
- Continuing Education: Submit proof of having completed 30 hours of continuing education in courses and programs and at least 1 hour in pain and symptom management, 2 hours of cultural awareness, and 1 hour of pharmacology related to the practice of midwifery which has to be earned within the 3-year period immediately preceding the application for relicensure.
- Verification/certification of Licensure – If you ever held a license as a midwife, verification of licensure will be required to be submitted directly to this office by the licensing agency of any state of the United States in which you hold or ever held a license. Verification can be emailed to [bpldata@michigan.gov](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mailed to Bureau of Professional Licensing PO BOX 30670 Lansing, MI 48909.
- Evidence of holding an active CPM credential from NARM or an equivalent credential from another midwifery credentialing program approved by the Board and accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies or another accrediting organization approved by the board must be submitted directly to this office from the credentialing body. Evidence can be emailed to [bpldata@michigan.gov](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mailed to Bureau of Professional Licensing PO BOX 30670 Lansing, MI 48909.

### **Applicants for relicensure whose license has lapsed more than 3 years but less than 7 years and who does not hold a license in another state, the following is required in addition to the above:**

- Criminal Background Check – Once the online application is completed and submitted you will be emailed an Application Confirmation letter containing instructions to complete the Criminal Background Check.

### **Applicants for relicensure whose license has lapsed 7 or more years and who does not hold a license in another state, the following is required in addition to the above:**

- Within the 3-year period immediately preceding the application for relicensure, submit proof to the department of successfully passing the examination developed and scored by NARM.

### **Applicants for relicensure whose license has lapsed less than 3 years but who hold a current and valid midwife license in another state, the following is required:**

- Establish that he or she is of good moral character
- Verification/certification of Licensure – If you hold or have ever held a license as a midwife, verification of licensure will be required to be submitted directly to this office by the licensing agency of any state of the United States in which you hold or ever held a license. Verification can be emailed to [bpldata@michigan.gov](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mailed to Bureau of Professional Licensing PO BOX 30670 Lansing, MI 48909.
- Evidence of holding an active CPM credential from NARM or an equivalent credential from another midwifery credentialing program approved by the Board and accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies or another accrediting organization approved by the board must be submitted directly to this office from the credentialing body. Evidence can be emailed to [bpldata@michigan.gov](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mailed to Bureau of Professional Licensing PO BOX 30670 Lansing, MI 48909.

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**Applicants for relicensure whose license has lapsed more than 3 years but holds a current and valid midwife license in another state, the following is required in addition to the above.**

- Criminal Background Check – Once the online application is completed and submitted you will be emailed an Application Confirmation letter containing instructions to complete the Criminal Background Check.
- Continuing Education: Submit proof of having completed 30 hours of continuing education in courses and programs and at least 1 hour in pain and symptom management, 2 hours of cultural awareness, and 1 hour of pharmacology related to the practice of midwifery which has to be earned within the 3-year period immediately preceding the application for relicensure.

### RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

- Online Application for Midwife Renewal – Can be completed by visiting [www.michigan.gov/miplus](http://www.michigan.gov/miplus)
- Renewal Application Fee: \$408.00 (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, or Discover credit or debit card)
- Renewal Cycle: 2 years
- Good Moral Character Questions – Documentation and explanation will be required if you answer “yes” to either question to show at the current time you have the ability to, and are likely to, serve the public in a fair, honest and open manner, that you are rehabilitated, or that the substance of the former offense is not reasonably related to the occupation or profession for which you are seeking license renewal.
- Disciplinary Question – Documentation and explanation will be required if you answer “yes” to having sanctions imposed against you by a similar licensure, registration, certification, or disciplinary board of another state or country you have not previously reported to the department.
- Accept Renewal Attestation - By accepting the renewal attestation you as the licensee are certifying that you hold the credential of CPM from NARM, or equivalent credential approved by the board. You are also attesting that during the 2-year period immediately prior to renewal that you have met the following in addition to meeting the requirements for human trafficking:
  - At least 30 hours of continuing education that is met by obtaining and maintaining, the credential of CPM from NARM, or an equivalent credential approved by the board.
  - One hour of continuing education in pain and symptom management
  - Two hours of continuing education on cultural awareness that include examinations of disparate maternal infant mortality and morbidity experienced by the African American and indigenous populations.
  - Human Trafficking – Renewals beginning with the first renewal cycle that occurs after August 1, 2019, and all renewals thereafter, licensees seeking renewal must have completed training in identifying

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victims of human trafficking that meets the standards in Administrative Rule 338.17111 prior to renewing their license. The training must only be completed one time.

### HELPFUL RESOURCES AND FORMS

- By visiting [www.michigan.gov/healthlicense](http://www.michigan.gov/healthlicense) and clicking on the midwifery link you can access the following helpful resources and forms:

Resources:

- Public Health Code
- Administrative Rules for Midwives