

ATTENTION!

Criminal History Record Checks (CHRC) are required for all applicants. The Board may not reinstate or issue a new license to any applicant, physician or allied health practitioner, if the Board has not received criminal history record information.

The Board recommends that you do not submit your fingerprints for a CHRC earlier than 6 weeks before the date you intend to submit your initial license or reinstatement application to the Board.

The Board is only authorized to retain CHRC information for 90 days. If the CHRC is over 90 days, the applicant will be required to complete a new CHRC.

For detailed instructions on submitting your fingerprints for a CHRC, please read and follow the attached instructions.



MARYLAND Department of Health Board of Physicians

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Dennis Schrader, Secretary

Notice: Criminal History Records Check Required

Dear Applicant for Initial License or Reinstatement of License:

A full Criminal History Records Check (CHRC) is a qualification of licensure. The Board may not reinstate or issue a new license to any applicant, physician, or allied health practitioner, if the Board has not received criminal history record information.

A CHRC will include both a State and national criminal history records check conducted by the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) and will be maintained in the Maryland and FBI database for further identification purposes. Applicants have the right to challenge their records, which is discussed in more detail in the FBI NonCriminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Rights notice (http://www.mbp.state.md.us/forms/fbi_privacy_rights.pdf). An applicant for initial licensure or reinstatement shall apply to CJIS for a CHRC and the application shall include:

1. Two complete sets of legible fingerprints taken on forms approved by CJIS and the FBI; and
2. Payment of the required fees.

Timing of CHRCs

The Board recommends that applicants do not submit fingerprints earlier than 6 weeks before the date the applicant/licensee intends to complete the initial license or reinstatement application. The Board is only authorized to retain CHRC information for 90 days. If the CHRC is over 90 days, the applicant will be required to complete a new CHRC.

Fingerprints

A. For Initial Applicants and Reinstatements

All applicants for licensure in Maryland will be required to submit fingerprints for the CHRC. In order to be fingerprinted, the fingerprinting entity will need the following Board specific information:

- CJIS Authorization #: 1600000743
- FBI ORI #: MD 920522Z
- Reason Fingerprinted: Professional License
- Type of Check: Governmental Licensing/ Certification

1. Within Maryland

- a. Go to an authorized location to be fingerprinted prior to mailing in your application to the Board. For a list of electronic fingerprinting locations go to the following website: <http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicservs/fingerprint.shtml>. The Board is not responsible for the list. If there are any concerns about a fingerprinting location, please contact CJIS directly.
- b. Provide the fingerprinting entity the CJIS Authorization number and FBI ORI # provided on page 1 of this letter.
- c. Pay the appropriate fee to the fingerprinting entity.

Once the Board receives the results of the CHRCs, the application process will be completed in accordance to Board regulations and policies.

2. Outside of Maryland

- a. Out of state applicants have the option of using a Maryland location for fingerprinting. If a Maryland location is used, follow the instructions above for applicants within Maryland. If a location outside of Maryland is used, follow the instructions below.
- b. Either:
 - i. Write to CJIS-Central Repository at P.O Box 32708, Pikesville, Maryland 21282-2708, or
 - ii. Call the Central Repository in Baltimore City at 410-764-4501 or toll free number 1-888-795-0011 to request fingerprint cards.
- c. Have CJIS Authorization and FBI ORI Board #'s available to complete your submission.
- d. Mail the fingerprint card and associated fee to CJIS-Central Repository, P.O Box 32708, Pikesville, Maryland 21282-2708, or overnight the fingerprint card to 6776 Reisterstown Road, Suite 102, Baltimore Maryland 21215.
- e. Please include a check or cashier's check made out to "CJIS Central Repository".

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Fees:

Fees are required for CJIS to process each criminal background record check request. All fees must be paid by credit card, check or cashier's check in United States currency. The Central Repository cannot accept cash.

Do not send any payment to the Board, as it does not conduct CHRCs. For additional information contact CJIS at 410-764-4501 or visit <http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicservs/fingerprint.shtml>.

Questions?

Should you have any questions, concerns, or to check the status of a criminal history record information request, please contact the **CJIS Call Center at 410-764-4501 or 1-888-795-0011**, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Board cannot assist you in this regard.

***Please do not contact the Board to verify receipt or submit receipts. The Board will receive the electronic CHRC notifications within 3 – 14 days.**

MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

www.mpb.state.md.us

RESPIRATORY CARE APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT

Dear Applicant:

Attached is an application packet for reinstatement of your license as a Respiratory Care Practitioner in Maryland. Requirements for reinstatement are as follows:

- ◇ Submission of the completed application;
- ◇ Payment of the **\$200.00 non-refundable** application fee. *Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Maryland Board of Physicians;*
- ◇ Documentation of at least **16** hours of approved continuing respiratory care education earned during the 2-year period immediately preceding the submission of the application for reinstatement; and
- ◇ Payment or agreement with Office of the Comptroller to pay unpaid unemployment insurance or taxes;

Mail your application and check to:

**Maryland Board of Physicians
P.O. Box 37217
Baltimore, MD 21297**

Applications sent to any other address except to the P.O. Box 37217 address will delay the processing of your application by at least one week. **Please note: Federal Express (FEDEX) or UPS do not deliver to post office boxes.**

Applications are processed in order of receipt. **Please allow at least 3 to 6 weeks for the processing of your application.** Board staff will make every effort to process your application as quickly as possible. Incomplete applications and/or failure to submit the required information will delay the processing of your application.

Board staff will contact you if additional documentation is required. Please make sure your contact information is current. Please do not call the Board to check on the status of your application, as constant interruptions slow down the process.

Documents submitted to support your application must come directly from the source. For example, verification of other state licenses must come directly from the state board.

Board staff will not disclose the status of your application to another party unless you have completed the Third Party Option on page 6 of the application. Other parties include family members, friends and future employers, etc.

The Board will keep your application open for 120 days from the original date of receipt. All requirements for licensure must be met within the 120-day period. If the requirements are not met, your application will be closed and a new application and full application fee will be required.

The Board's website is updated every 24 hours. You may wish to check the website at www.mbp.state.md.us before calling the Board to find out if a license was issued to you. When you visit the website, click on **Look up a Licensee**.

We look forward to receiving your completed application and will process it as quickly as possible.

Thank you,

The Allied Health Division
Maryland Board of Physicians

MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

P.O. Box 37217

Baltimore, Maryland 21297

Telephone: 410-764-4777 800-492-6836

www.mbp.state.md.us

APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS

INSTRUCTIONS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The application should only be completed by individuals who have a Maryland license as a Respiratory Care Practitioner and wish to reinstate it.

- 1. Maryland License Number:** Enter your license number. If you do not remember your license number, check the Board's website <https://www.mbp.state.md.us/bpqapp>. Number begin with an "L" prefix.
- 2. Expiration Date:** Provide the date your license expired. Licenses expire on May 30 of even years. This may also be found on the Board's website.
- 3. Identifying Information:**
 - **Enter full legal name.** If the name on the application differs from the name on your supporting documentation, please submit a copy of a marriage license, divorce decree, or court order explaining the name change. The Board must be notified of any change in your name on a timely basis.
 - **Social Security Number:** Maryland law requires the Board of Physicians to collect Social Security numbers from all persons applying for professional licenses or certificates. Disclosure of your Social Security number is mandatory. The Maryland Board of Physicians is permitted by State or Federal law or regulation to use the Social Security number for the following purposes:
 - A. Verification of identity with respect to actions related to your license (Code of Maryland Regulations 10.32.01.);
 - B. Administration of the Child Support Enforcement Program (Family Law Article, §10-119.3);
 - C. Identification by the Department of Assessments and Taxation of new businesses in Maryland (Health Occupations Article, §1-210);
 - D. Verification by the Maryland Medicaid program of licensure and sanctions for providers participating in Medicaid 42 U.S.C. §1396(a)(49); 42 U.S.C. §1396r-2; 42 U.S.C. §1320 a-7).
 - **Date of Birth:** Health Occupations Article §14-5C-09(b)(2), Annotated Code of Maryland requires applicants to be at least 18 years old. Date of birth will also be used for identification and criminal background checks.
 - **Gender:** Gender is not a requirement of licensure. The information provided will be used for identification purposes and for criminal background checks only.
- 4a. Non-Public Address:** The non-public (home) address will be the location to which the Board directs all correspondence. If your address changes during the application process, please notify the Board in writing.
- 4b. Public Address:** The public address (business address) is your address of record and available to the public. However, if no public address is listed, the non-public address will be made available to the public upon request.
- 5. Contact Information:** The Board will contact you using the information provided.

INSTRUCTIONS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONTINUED

- 6. School Information:** Please provide the name and location of the school from which you graduated.
- 7. Employment Activities:** Please complete and include all employment history beginning with the date your license expired.
- 8. Continuing Education:** Respiratory Care Practitioners applying for reinstatement must provide documentation of having earned at least 16 hours of approved respiratory care continuing education during the two years immediately preceding the submission of the application for reinstatement. The Board will accept continuing education hours Approved by the following organizations:
 - a. Maryland/District of Columbia Society for Respiratory Care;
 - b. AARC's Continuing Respiratory Care Education System; or
 - c. MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society; or
 - d. Other programs:
 - (i) Having requirements equivalent to the programs accredited through the organizations listed in the regulations; and
 - (ii) Approved by the Board.

An applicant for renewal or reinstatement may substitute passing the examination for either certified respiratory therapist or registered respiratory therapist conducted by the National Board for Respiratory Care during the 2-year period preceding the application for renewal or reinstatement for the required continuing education.

If your license has not been renewed for more than 5 years and you have not been practicing respiratory care in another jurisdiction or country during at least 3 of the 5 years preceding the submission of the application, you are required to pass the NBRC (CRT/RRT) examination or its successor examination and meet all the requirements of licensure at the time you apply for reinstatement.

- 9. List reasons for allowing license to lapse.**
- 10. List reasons for seeking reinstatement of your Maryland license.**
- 11. Licensure in Other States:** Please complete the **Verification of Other State Licenses form (RCP 1)** if you have held a license, certification or registration to practice:
 - a. Respiratory Care in any state or jurisdiction; or
 - b. Any other health care profession in any other state(s) or jurisdiction, including Maryland.
- 12. Character and Fitness Questions:** Answer the Character and Fitness questions "YES" or "NO." If you answer "YES" to any item, please provide a detailed explanation, on a separate sheet of paper, and any supporting documents. If you were dishonorably discharged from the military, please provide documentation that shows, including, but not limited to, the type of service, date and type of discharge, e.g. DD14. Failure to provide a detailed explanation of a "YES" response and the required supporting documentation will delay the review process.
- 13. Release:** Sign and date the release. You are giving the Board and the Respiratory Care Professional Standards Committee permission to request additional information to support your application for licensure.
- 14. Optional Third Party Release:** If you wish the Board to release your information to a third party, complete the third party release statement.
- 15. Cooperation in an Investigation:** You may be asked to cooperate fully with any request for information related to your practice as a Respiratory Care Practitioner.
- 16. Certification:** Please sign and date the certification.

INSTRUCTIONS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONTINUED

Expiration and Renewal: Regardless of the date your license is reinstated, it will expire May 30th of the first even year following reinstatement. Approximately 30—60 days prior to expiration, you should receive a notice to renew your license. The renewal notice will be mailed or emailed to the most current address on file with the Board. **You will be required to renew by May 30 of the even year whether or not you receive the renewal notice.**

PRACTICING RESPIRATORY CARE: A person may not provide, attempt to provide, offer to provide or represent that the person provides respiratory care unless the respiratory care is provided by an individual who is authorized to practice respiratory in Maryland.

Individuals practicing without a license may be fined up to \$5,000.

The Maryland Board of Physicians supports the Americans with Disabilities Act and will provide this material in an alternative format to facilitate effective communication with sensory impaired individuals (for example, Braille, large print, audio tape). If you need such accommodation, please notify the Board ADA designee, Yemisi Koya at (410)764-4777 or 1-800-492-6836. For the hearing impaired, please contact the Maryland Relay Services TTY/Voice number at 1-800-735-2258. If you have a complaint concerning the Board's compliance with the ADA, please contact Ms. Koya.

Please keep a copy of your application.

7 . Chronology of Employment Activities: Beginning with your most recent, describe your employment history since your license expired. Explain any lapse in time over one year in which you were not employed. Include non-health related employment history.

Employment activities: Please type or print.

month	year		month	year	Activity/Position:
		TO			
Name and telephone of Supervisor:			Name and Address of Employer:		
month	year		month	year	Activity/Position:
		TO			
Name and telephone of Supervisor:			Name and Address of Employer:		
month	year		month	year	Activity/Position:
		TO			
Name and telephone of Supervisor:			Name and Address of Employer:		
month	year		month	year	Activity/Position:
		TO			
Name and telephone of Supervisor:			Name and Address of Employer:		
month	year		month	year	Activity/Position:
		TO			
Name and telephone of Supervisor:			Name and Address of Employer:		
month	year		month	year	Activity/Position:
		TO			
Name and telephone of Supervisor:			Name and Address of Employer:		
month	year		month	year	Activity/Position:
		TO			
Name and telephone of Supervisor:			Name and Address of Employer:		

If you will need more space than this page allows, please photocopy this page for your use or attach a separate sheet. Please sign and date each sheet you attach.

8. Continuing Education: Respiratory Care Practitioners must earn at least **16 hours** of continuing education during the two years immediately preceding the submission of the application for reinstatement. The Board recognizes respiratory care continuing education hours approved by one of the following organizations: (a) MD/DC Society for Respiratory Care; (b) AARC's CRCE System; (c) MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society; (d) Programs equivalent to a, b and c. Applicants may substitute passing the CRT or RRT exam during the 2-year period preceding the application. **Please attach your 16 hours of continuing education documentation.**

Note: *If your license has not been renewed for more than 5 years and you have not been practicing respiratory care in another jurisdiction or country during at least 3 of the 5 years preceding the application, you are required to pass the NBRC (CRT/RRT) examination or its successor examination and meet all the requirements of licensure at the time you apply for reinstatement.*

9. List reasons for allowing the Maryland respiratory care practitioner license to expire:

10. List reasons for seeking reinstatement of the Maryland respiratory care practitioner license:

11a. Licensure as a Respiratory Care Practitioner. List all states or other jurisdictions in which you ever held a license to practice respiratory therapy. Please complete and mail the attached **Verification of Other State License(s)** (RCP-R1) form to the appropriate state board(s). If you have never been licensed as a Respiratory Care Practitioner, write N/A here _____.

State	License #	Category (CRT/RRT)	Year Issued	Expiration Date

11b. Licensure as another health care practitioner. List all states or other jurisdictions in which you ever held a license to practice in ANY other health occupation. Please complete and mail the attached **Verification of Other State License(s)** (RCP-R1) form to the appropriate state board (s). If you have never been licensed as a ANY other healthcare practitioner, write N/A here _____.

State	License #	Category (RN, PA)	Year Issued	Expiration Date

12. Character and Fitness Questions (Check either YES or NO) Please answer questions “a” through “q” on pages 4 and 5.

- | | YES | NO (Since your last renewal) | |
|----|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has a state licensing or disciplinary board (including Maryland), a comparable body in the armed services or the Veterans Administration, denied your application for licensure, reinstatement, or renewal? |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has a state licensing or disciplinary board (including Maryland), a comparable body in the armed services or the Veterans Administration, taken action against your license? Such actions include, but are not limited to, limitations of practice, required education admonishment or reprimand, suspension, probation or revocation. |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has any licensing or disciplinary board in any jurisdiction (including Maryland), a comparable body in the armed services or the Veterans Administration, filed any complaints or charges against you or investigated you for any reason? |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you withdrawn your application for a medical license or other health professional license? |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has a hospital, related health care institution, HMO, or alternative health care system investigated you or brought charges against you? |
| f. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has a hospital, related health care institution, HMO, or alternative health care system denied your application; failed to renew your privileges, including your privileges as a resident; or limited, restricted, suspended, or revoked your privileges in any way? |
| g. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you pleaded guilty or <i>nolo contendere</i> to any criminal charge, been convicted of a crime, or received probation before judgment because of a criminal charge? |
| h. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you committed an offense involving alcohol or controlled dangerous substances to which you pled guilty or <i>nolo contendere</i> , or for which you were convicted or received probation before judgment? Such offenses include, but are not limited to, driving while under the influence of alcohol or controlled dangerous substances. |
| i. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there any charges pending against you in any court of law, are you currently under arrest, released pending trial with or without bond, or is there an outstanding warrant for your arrest? |
| j. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you currently have any condition or impairment (including, but not limited to, substance abuse, alcohol abuse, or a physical, mental, emotional, or nervous disorder or condition) that in any way affects your ability to practice your profession in a safe, competent, ethical, and professional manner? |
| k. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have any malpractice claims or other claims for money damages been filed against you? Include past claims as well as any claim that is now pending, has been dismissed, has been settled, or which has resulted in a damages award against you or your medical practice. |

If you answered “YES” to any question, on a separate sheet of paper, please provide a signed and dated detailed explanation and attach appropriate supporting documents. Failure to provide documentation and a signed and dated explanation will delay the processing of your application.

Continue to Page 5 for questions “l” through “q”

12a. Character and Fitness Questions Continued (Check either YES or NO)

- YES NO (Since your last renewal)
- l. Are you in default of a service obligation that you incurred by receiving State or Federal funds for your medical education?
- m. Have you failed to make arrangements to satisfy State or Federal loans that financed your medical education?
- n. Has your employment or contractual relationship with any hospital, HMO, other health care facility, health care provider, institution, armed services, or the Veterans Administration been terminated for disciplinary reasons?
- o. Have you voluntarily resigned or terminated a contract with any hospital, HMO, other health care facility, health care provider, institution, armed services or the Veterans Administration while under investigation by that institution for disciplinary reasons?
- p. Have you surrendered your license or allowed it to lapse while you were under investigation by any licensing or disciplinary board of any jurisdiction, any entity of the armed services or the Veterans Administration?
- q. Have you been dishonorably discharged from any military service of the U.S. Government? If so, attach a copy of your military discharge documentation that includes type of service, date of discharge, and type of discharge.

»»» If you answered "YES" to any question, on a separate sheet of paper, please provide a signed and dated detailed explanation and attach appropriate supporting documents. Failure to provide documentation and a signed and dated explanation will delay the processing of your application.

13. Release: I agree that the Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) and Respiratory Care Professional Standards Committee may request any information necessary to process my reinstatement application as a Respiratory Care Practitioner in Maryland from any person or agency, including but not limited to former and current employers, government agencies, the National Practitioners Data Bank, the Federation of State Medical Boards, hospitals and other licensing bodies, and I agree that any person or agency may release to the Board the information requested. I also agree to sign any subsequent releases for information that may be requested by the Board.

Applicant's Name (Printed)

Applicant's Signature

Date

14. (OPTIONAL) Third Party Release: Although the Board encourages you to complete all aspects of your application on your own, if you plan to use an intermediary to receive information about the status of your application, please complete this release.

I agree that the Maryland Board of Physicians may release any information pertaining to the status of my application to the following person:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Applicant's Signature

Date

15. Cooperation in an Investigation: I agree that I will cooperate fully with any request for information or with any investigation related to my practice as a licensed Respiratory Care Practitioner in Maryland, including the subpoena of documents or records.

During the period in which my application is being processed, I shall inform the Board within 30 days of any change to any answer I originally gave in this application, any arrest or conviction, any change of address or any action that occurs based on accusations that would be grounds for disciplinary action under Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-5A-17.

Applicant's Signature

Date

16. Certification: I certify that I have personally reviewed all responses to the items in this application and that the information I have given is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that any false information provided as part of my application may be cause for the denial of my application. I also certify that I am thoroughly familiar with the Statute (MD. Code Ann., Health Occ. 14-5A-01 et seq.) and Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.32.11 which govern the practice of Respiratory Care Practitioners in Maryland.

Applicant's Signature

Date

STOP! Completed application and check for \$200 must be mailed to:
Maryland Board of Physicians
P.O. Box 37217
Baltimore, Maryland 21297

Please keep a copy of your application.

VERIFICATION OF OTHER STATE LICENSES

Part 1 **APPLICANT:** Complete and sign Part 1 and send a copy of this form to each state board that ever issued you a license to practice Respiratory Therapy. Also use this form to send to each state board, including Maryland, that ever issued you a certification, license or registration to practice as ANY other health care practitioner. Please copy this form if you need to send it to more than one state board.

License Type: _____

State of Licensure: _____ License Number: _____

Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name: _____
 (Print) Last (Generational Indicator, Jr., III) First Middle Maiden

Social Security No. : _____ Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Professional School of Graduation: _____ Year: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Part 2 **AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL OF STATE MEDICAL BOARD:** Please certify the following information regarding the above-listed individual and send this form directly to the Maryland Board of Physicians at the above address.

License number _____ Date Issued _____ Expiration Date _____

Is/was the license in good standing? Yes No

If not in good standing is/was it: reprimanded suspended revoked surrendered

Was the license administratively revoked, suspended, or surrendered because the licensee did not renew? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Other Derogatory Information or Pending Charges: _____

 Printed Name of Authorized Official

 Title of Authorized Official

 Signature of Authorized Official

 Direct Telephone Number

 Printed Name of State

 Date

