

Chapter RL 181

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE, RENEWAL OF LICENSES AND TEMPORARY PERMITS

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- (a) The fee specified in s. 440.05 (1), Stats.
- (b) Evidence satisfactory to the department of one of the following:

1. That the applicant holds a valid certified professional midwife credential granted by the North American Registry of Midwives or a successor organization.

2. That the applicant holds a valid certified nurse-midwife credential granted by the American College of Nurse Midwives or a successor organization.

(c) That the applicant, subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335, Stats., does not have an arrest or conviction record. An applicant who has a pending criminal charge or has been convicted of any crime or ordinance violation shall provide the department with all information requested relating to his or her pending criminal charge, conviction or other offense, as appropriate. The department may not grant a midwife license to a person convicted of an offense under s. 940.22, 940.225, 944.06, 944.15, 944.17, 944.30, 944.31, 944.32, 944.33, 944.34, 948.02, 948.025, 948.06, 948.07, 948.075, 948.08, 948.09, 948.095, 948.10, 948.11 or 948.12, Stats.

Note: Applications for licensure as a midwife are available from the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Professional Credential Processing, 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708, or from the department's website at: <http://drl.wi.gov>.

(2) RENEWAL OF LICENSES. (a) Except for temporary permits granted under sub. (4), the renewal date for licenses granted under subch. XII of ch. 440, Stats., is July 1 of each even-numbered year.

(b) Renewal applications shall be submitted to the department on a form provided by the department and shall include the renewal fee specified in s. 440.08 (2) (a) 46w., Stats.

(c) A licensed midwife shall, at the time that he or she applies for renewal of a license under par. (b), submit proof satisfactory to the department that he or she holds a valid certified professional midwife credential from the North American Registry of Midwives or a successor organization, or a valid certified nurse-midwife credential from the American College of Nurse Midwives or a successor organization.

(3) LATE RENEWAL OF LICENSES. A licensed midwife who fails to submit a license by the renewal date may renew the license by submitting an application on a form provided by the department and satisfying the following requirements:

(a) If applying less than 5 years after the renewal date, satisfy the requirements under sub. (2), and pay the late renewal fee specified in s. 440.08 (3), Stats.

(b) If applying 5 years or more after the renewal date, satisfy the requirements under sub. (2); pay the late renewal fee specified in s. 440.08 (3), Stats., and submit proof of one or more of the following, as determined by the department to ensure protection of the public health, safety and welfare:

- 1. Successful completion of educational course work.
- 2. Successful completion of the national examination required by the North American Registry of Midwives for certification as a certified professional midwife or successful completion of the national examination required by the American College of Nurse Midwives for certification as a certified nurse-midwife.

(4) TEMPORARY PERMITS. (a) *Application.* An applicant seeking a temporary permit shall apply on a form provided by the department. An applicant who fails to comply with a request for information related to the application, or fails to meet all requirements for a permit within 120 calendar days from the date of filing shall submit a new application and fee if a permit is sought at a later date. The application shall include all of the following:

- 1. The fee specified in s. 440.05 (6), Stats.
- 2. Evidence satisfactory to the department of all of the following:

a. The applicant is actively engaged as a candidate for certification with the North American Registry of Midwives or a successor organization; or is currently enrolled in the portfolio evaluation process program through the North American Registry of Midwives or a successor organization, or a certified professional midwife educational program accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council.

b. The applicant has received a written commitment from a licensed midwife to directly supervise his or her practice of midwifery during the duration of the temporary permit.

c. The applicant is currently certified by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association in neonatal resuscitation.

d. The applicant is currently certified by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association in adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

e. The applicant has attended at least 5 births as an observer.

f. The applicant, subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335, Stats., does not have an arrest or conviction record. An applicant who has a pending criminal charge or has been convicted of any crime or ordinance violation shall provide the department with all information requested relating to his or her pending criminal charge, conviction or other offense, as appropriate. The department may not grant a temporary permit to a person convicted of an offense under s. 940.22, 940.225, 944.06, 944.15, 944.17, 944.30, 944.31, 944.32, 944.33, 944.34, 948.02, 948.025, 948.06, 948.07, 948.075, 948.08, 948.09, 948.095, 948.10, 948.11 or 948.12, Stats.

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(b) *Duration of permit.* 1. The duration of a temporary permit is for a period of 3 years or until the permit holder ceases to be currently registered or actively engaged as a candidate for certification as specified in par. (a) 2., whichever is shorter.

2. A licensed midwife with a written commitment to supervise the holder of a temporary permit shall notify the department immediately of a termination of the supervisory relationship.

3. Upon termination of a supervisory relationship, the temporary permit shall be automatically suspended until the permit holder obtains another written supervisory commitment that complies with par. (a) 2. b.

4. The department may in its discretion grant renewal of a temporary permit. Renewal shall be granted only once and for a period of no more than 3 years. A permit holder seeking renewal of a temporary permit shall submit documentation that he or she satisfies the requirements for an initial permit under par. (a).

Note: The North American Registry of Midwives may be contacted at 5257 Rosestone Dr., Lilburn, GA 30047, 1-888-842-4784. The American College of Nurse-Midwives may be contacted at 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 1550, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (240) 485-1800.

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