

PRACTICE IN NEBRASKA: You must hold a separate Nebraska license to practice body piercing, branding, permanent color technology or tattooing in Nebraska.

If you plan **practice in Nebraska**, you must practice in a Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services **licensed** body art facility. Facility applications can be obtained via the internet at:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Body-Art-Facilities.aspx>

If you plan to **practice in Lancaster County**, you must also be licensed by the Lancaster County Health Department. Contact: <https://lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/envIRON/BodyArt.htm> or Disease Prevention Office 402-447-6280

LICENSE FEE WAIVER: Starting January 1, 2020, if you meet one of the following waiver options, your initial license and temporary military spouse license fee **is waived**:

1. **Young Worker:** You are between the ages of 18 and 25 (under the age of 26).
2. **Low-Income Individual:** You are enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program **such as** the medical assistance program established pursuant to the Medical Assistance Act, the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, **OR** your household adjusted gross income is below 130% of the federal income poverty guideline.
 - If you live in Nebraska and are enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program, no further documentation is required to be submitted.
 - If you live in a state other than Nebraska and are enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program, submit a copy of a document showing current enrollment.
 - If your household adjusted gross income is at 130% of the Federal Income Poverty Guideline or below, click this link to see the current income guidelines, <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/documents/LowIncomeFeeWaiverTable.pdf>. To be eligible for this waiver, you must submit a copy of your most recent tax return.
3. **Military Family:** You are an active duty service member in the armed services of the United States, a military spouse, honorably discharged veteran of the armed services of the United States, spouse of such honorably discharged veteran, and un-remarried surviving spouses of deceased service members of the armed services of the United States. To be eligible for this waiver, you must submit a copy of your ID card, discharge paperwork, or similar document that shows you are a military family member as described above.

LICENSE INFORMATION FOR MILITARY SPOUSES: Temporary License: If you have an active body art license in another state and you are a military spouse, you may be issued a temporary license pending completion of the permanent license requirements. A temporary license specifically for military spouses is available under Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-129.01 and is issued for a period not to exceed 1-year. Please review the following requirements to obtain a temporary license and those listed below for a permanent license to determine which process is right for you.

To apply for this temporary license, you need **to be a resident of Nebraska** and submit the following:

- The attached application
- A copy of your military dependent identification card identifying you as the spouse of an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces
- A copy of your spouse's military orders reflecting an active-duty assignment in Nebraska
- A copy of your body art license from another state or jurisdiction
- A copy of the statutes, rules, and regulations governing your license which indicate standards that are similar to Nebraska's body art licensing requirements.
- The fees required for the application for the body art license (unless you qualified for a fee waiver)

MILITARY: To view licensing services available to members of the military and their spouses, visit our website at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Professions-and-Occupations.aspx>

REQUIREMENTS FOR A PERMANENT LICENSE**STEP 1: Get the following documents:**

NON-ENGLISH DOCUMENTS. Any documents written in a language other than English must translated into the English language. You must submit a copy of the original document and the translated document. The translation must be an original document and contain the notarized or equivalent signature of the translator. An individual may not translate his/her own documents.

1. **US Citizenship/Lawful Presence** (must be at **least 18** years old):

U.S. Citizen, a **PHOTOCOPY** of one of the following:

- Birth Certificate (Hospital issued keepsake birth certificates cannot be accepted).
- U.S. Passport (unexpired or expired).
- Certificate of Naturalization.
- Other documents that show U.S. Citizenship.

A Driver's License is NOT acceptable.

NOT a U.S. Citizen, a **PHOTOCOPY** of one of the following:

- Green Card, otherwise known as a Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551), both front and back of the card;
- Form I-94 (Arrival-Departure Record) **AND** an unexpired foreign passport with a valid unexpired US visa; or
- Employment Authorization Card **AND**
 - An approved deferred action status (DACA);
 - A pending application for asylum in the United States;
 - A pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States; or
 - A pending application for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent Residence in the United States or conditional permanent resident status in the United States.

NOTE: Documents (other than those for U.S. Citizenship) are verified by our office through the Department of Homeland Security. This process may take up to 30 days.

2. **Education:** a **PHOTOCOPY** of Your High School diploma, GED or Equivalent Educational document.
3. **Training:** a **PHOTOCOPY** of your Blood borne Pathogen Training and Basic First Aid Training certificates.

Information Relating to Military Education, Training, or Service:

If you have completed education, training, or service that you believe is substantially similar to the education or training required for this credential while you were a member of the military, you may submit such evidence with your application for review. Military is defined as the armed forces of the United States, active or reserve, the National Guard of any state, the military reserves of any state, or the naval militia of any state.

4. **Other State License Information:** You must contact the states in which you are licensed or have held a license and request the State Office to complete a certification of your license or provide a similar document. **(DO NOT send a copy of your license).**
5. **Conviction Information:** If you have **EVER** received a ticket from law enforcement or animal control, check the court system to see if the ticket is on your record as a misdemeanor or felony conviction. Speeding tickets are not misdemeanors or felonies. You are required to list ALL convictions (regardless of when they occurred) on the application; you are NOT required to list infractions, diversions or dismissals. Misdemeanor and felony convictions can either be processed through traffic or criminal court, so when you check with the county court/district court, you should ask for both traffic and criminal court misdemeanor/felony convictions.

If you have convictions, you must submit:

- (i) A copy of the court record related to all misdemeanor and felony convictions, that includes the statement of charges and final disposition, if the conviction(s) occurred in a state other than Nebraska;
- (ii) An explanation of the events leading to the conviction (what, when, where, why) and a summary of actions that the applicant has taken to address the behaviors or actions related to the conviction; and
- (iii) A letter from the applicant's probation officer addressing the terms and current status of the probation, if the applicant is currently on probation.

If you had an alcohol and drug evaluation and/or completed treatment, to assist the Board and Department in review of any drug and/or alcohol conviction(s), we encourage you to request that the treatment provider submit all evaluations and discharge summaries directly to the Department.

The following provides SOME examples of convictions; this is NOT a complete list	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIP/ Tobacco Use by Minor • DUI / DWI / Open Container • Controlled Substance • Shoplifting / Theft / Burglary • Unauthorized use of a Financial Transaction • Disturbing the Peace • Assault / Prostitution • Disorderly Conduct / Disorderly House • Fail to Appear in Court 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driving under Suspension / Revocation • License Vehicle without Liability Insurance • False Information or Reporting • Reckless Driving / Leave the Scene of an Accident • Operator not Carrying License • Unlawful Display of Plates/Renewal tabs • Park Rule Violation / Curfew Violation • Dog at Large / Fail to Vaccinate Animal • Littering / Fireworks / Bad Check

NOTE: If you have **any criminal charges or license disciplinary actions pending that result in a conviction** or license discipline, you are required to report such action to the Investigative Unit **within 30 days of the conviction or disciplinary action**. Reporting forms can be obtained at the following website: <https://dhs.ne.gov/Pages/Investigations.aspx> or by phone 402-471-0175.

STEP 2: Submit your application to the Licensure Unit

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship or Lawful Presence Document
<input type="checkbox"/> Education Documents
<input type="checkbox"/> Conviction Records (if you have convictions) | <input type="checkbox"/> License Certifications (if licensed in another state)
<input type="checkbox"/> The License Fee (unless you qualified for a fee waiver). See the license application for a listing of fees for body art. Pay by check/money order; debit or credit card is not accepted. |
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Application Review: All applications are reviewed in date order received.

- If your application **is missing information**, you will be contacted **by e-mail** within approximately 10 days; the e-mail will list the information that is required to complete your application. You have 90 days to complete your application; if not completed within this 90 days, your application will be closed and all documents destroyed. A new application will then be required.
- If your application **is complete**, you will receive **a license in the mail** within approximately 10 days.

Records Retention Schedule: When your license is issued, your application and documents will be kept by the Department for 5 years; then all documents will be destroyed. We encourage you to keep a copy of your application for your records.

Contact Information: Licensure Unit, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94986, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4986
 Telephone: 402-471-2117 / FAX: 402-742-1106 / E-Mail: DHHS.licensure2117@nebraska.gov

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Body Art License Application

APPLICATION TYPE

Mark the Appropriate Box(s) Below for each License(s) You are Making Application:

- Body Brander Permanent Color Technician
 Body Piercer Tattoo Artist

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LICENSE FEES

A. Fee Waiver:

If you meet one of the following fee waivers, your initial license and temporary license fee **is waived**. Check only ONE waiver:

- Young Worker:** I am under 26 years old.
- Low-income Individual:**
- I am enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program, including, but not limited to, the medical assistance program established pursuant to the Medical Assistance Act, the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; OR
 - My household adjusted gross income is below 130% of the federal income poverty guideline.
- Military Family:** I am an active duty service member in the armed services of the United States, a military spouse, honorably discharged veteran of the armed services of the United States, spouse of such honorably discharged veteran, and unremarried surviving spouses of deceased service members of the armed services of the United States.

B. Fee Required if YOU DO NOT qualify for one of the above fee waivers:

Review the following chart to determine the fee required based on the month and year in which your license will be issued: **If you are requesting more than 1 license, you must pay the following fees for each license requested.**

YEAR	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Even Number Year	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Odd Numbered Year	25.00	25.00	25.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00

Pay by check or money order to: Licensure Unit

Your cancelled check is your proof of payment. Payment is processed upon receipt. Debit or credit card is not accepted.

SECTION A: PERSONAL INFORMATION

1	You must print your Legal Name below		
	First:	Middle:	Last Name:
	List any other names you are or have been known as (AKA), including maiden and your last name on your birth certificate.).		
2	Address:	Street/PO/Route:	
		City:	State or Country: Zip:
3	Social Security Number (SSN):		

Neb. Rev. Stat. §§38-123 and 38-130 requires you to provide your social security number to DHHS. Although your number is not public information, DHHS may share your social security number for child support enforcement or other administrative purposes and provide it to the Department of Revenue or the Department of Labor.

4	If you are not a U.S. Citizen, list your A# or I-94#:	<input type="checkbox"/> A# <input type="checkbox"/> I-94 #	
5	Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year):	Place of Birth (City/State or COUNTRY):	
6	Phone #: (optional)*	Additional Phone #: (optional)*	
	E-Mail Address:		
7	Have you ever been denied the right to take a license examination in any State? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, explain:		
8	Military Spouse: Are you the spouse of an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces who has an active-duty assignment in in Nebraska?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If checked yes and you are applying for a temporary license, you must include all documentation identified in the instructions.	

SECTION B: CONVICTION AND LICENSURE INFORMATION Failure to list any conviction(s) or disciplinary action(s), regardless of when the action occurred, could result in disciplinary action.

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1	Have you EVER been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony?	Name of Conviction	Date of Action	Name of Court Taking Action
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			

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LICENSE INFORMATION: The following questions relate to a license that you currently hold or have held (such as nursing, EMT, esthetics, etc.) in a state other than Nebraska.

1	Do you hold or have you held a license in any other state(s)?	If yes, what state(s)?	What type of license?	
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
	If YES, has your license ever been denied, refused renewal, limited, suspended, revoked or had other disciplinary measures taken against it?	Type of Action	Date of Action	Name of State Taking Action
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			

SECTION C: EDUCATION	
<p>1. High School, GED, or Equivalent:</p> <p>Note: You must submit a copy of your Educational Document.</p>	<p>Check the appropriate box:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> GED</p> <p>Name of school: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Equivalent – List type of education completed: _____</p>

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SECTION D: TRAINING

To qualify for licensure, you must have completed at least 4 hours of training within 3 years immediately prior to this application. List below the training, provider, and date of training completed:

- BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN TRAINING** which includes at least 2 hours of Bloodborne Pathogens (disease) training and includes sanitation, infection control and sterilization. An examination is required as a condition of completing this training.

The examination must include:

- Sanitation;
- Safety (including emergency procedures);
- Infection control including cross contamination and barrier control; and
- Sterilization including use of an autoclave.

Name of Bloodborne Pathogen Training Provider	Date of Training	Hours Completed

- BASIC FIRST AID** class which teaches participants how to:

- Recognize emergency situations;
- Check the scene and call for help;
- Avoid blood borne pathogen exposure;
- Care for wounds;
- Manage sudden illnesses; and
- Minimize shock.

Name of Basic First Aid Training Provider	Date of Training	Hours Completed

NOTE: You must attach a copy of completion of the above training (both blood borne pathogen and basic first aid).

3. IDENTIFY WHO SPONSORED THE TRAINING: Training may be obtained through any of the following.

- Nationally accredited organization;
- Local government sponsored;
- Hospital sponsored;
- College sponsored;
- OSHA (Occupation and Safety Hazards Act) sponsored; or
- Red Cross.

SECTION E: PRACTICE PRIOR TO LICENSE		
If you practice in Nebraska without a Nebraska body art license, you are subject to assessment of an Administrative Penalty of \$10 per day up to \$1,000, or other action as provided in the statutes and regulations.		
1	Have you practiced Body Art in Nebraska without a Nebraska license?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, what are the actual number of days you practiced in Nebraska without a Nebraska license and what is the business name, location and telephone number of the practice:		Number of days:
		Name of Business:
		City:
		Telephone #:

SECTION F: ATTESTATION
For the purpose of meeting Neb. Rev. Stat. §§4-108 through 4-114 and 38-129 (<i>check ONE of the boxes below</i>): I attest that:
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a citizen of the United States.
OR
<input type="checkbox"/> I am NOT a citizen of the United States. I am a qualified alien under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act or a non-immigrant lawfully present in the United States, with documentation such as a permanent resident card, I-94 document, asylum, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am NOT a citizen of the United States. I have an unexpired Employment Authorization Document (EAD) and documentation listed under the Federal REAL ID act, such as DACA, pending asylum, pending refugee, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am NOT a citizen of the United States, a nonimmigrant, nor a qualified alien under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act.
I further attest that:
1. I have read the application or have had the application read to me; and
2. I am of good character and all statements on this application are true and complete.
Print Name: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

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